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Item 1 of the provisional agenda*
Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Proposed programme of work for the substantive session of 2003

Date		*Programme*	*Documentation*
Week of 30 June-4 July 2003			
Monday, 30 June			
9.30 a.m.-1.30 p.m.		Opening of the session	
	Item 1	Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters[1]	Annotated provisional agenda (E/2003/100)
			Proposed programme of work (E/2003/L.5)
			Status of documentation for the session (E/2003/L.6)
		High-level segment	
		Opening of the high-level segment	
		Policy dialogue and discussion on important developments in the world economy and international economic cooperation with heads of financial and trade institutions of the United Nations system	*World Economic and Social Survey, 2003* (E/2003/70), chap. I
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	Item 2	Promoting an integrated approach to rural development in developing countries for poverty eradication and sustainable development	Report of the Secretary-General on promoting an integrated approach to rural development in developing countries for poverty eradication and sustainable development (E/2003/51)
			Relevant part of the report of the Committee for Development Policy on its fifth session (on recommendations regarding the theme chosen for the high-level segment of the substantive session of 2003 of the Council (E/2003/33)

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		Ministerial round tables: • Natural resources and rural development in developing countries • Integrated approach to implementation of the Millennium Development Goals in the area of rural development • Global partnerships for rural development • Rural/urban interface and slums	
Tuesday, 1 July			
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Item 2 (continued)	General debate Statements by ministers and high officials	
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	Item 2 (continued)	Continuation of general debate Statements by ministers and high officials	
Wednesday, 2 July			
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Item 2 (continued)	Continuation of general debate Statements by ministers and high officials	
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	Item 2 (concluded)	Statements by ministers and high officials Conclusion of the high-level segment Adoption of the ministerial declaration	
		Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation segment	
Thursday, 3 July			
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Item 3	**Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation**	
		High-level panel on resources for operational activities for development[2]	Report of the Secretary-General on the progress on the issue of funding of development cooperation activities of the United Nations system
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	Item 3 (continued)	Dialogue with executive heads of United Nations funds and programmes	
Friday, 4 July			
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Item 3 (continued)	Panel on lessons learned from field-level evaluations[3]	Report of the Secretary-General on the assessment of lessons learned by United Nations organizations from their evaluation activities at the field level (E/2003/64)
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	Item 3 (continued)	Discussion with United Nations country teams	
Week of 7-11 July			
Monday, 7 July			
10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3 p.m.-6 p.m.	Item 3 (continued)	Introduction and general discussion of sub-items	

Date	*Programme*	*Documentation*
	(a) Follow-up to policy recommendations of the General Assembly and the Council	Report of the Secretary-General on the progress achieved in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 56/201 on the triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system (E/2003/61)
		Report of the Secretary-General on the progress on the issue of funding for development cooperation activities of the United Nations system
		Report of the Secretary-General on the assessment of lessons learned by United Nations organizations from their evaluation activities at the field level (E/2003/64)
		Report of the Secretary-General on the comprehensive statistical data on operational activities for development for the year 2001 (E/2003/57)
		Consolidated list of issues related to the coordination of operational activities (E/2003/CRP.1)
	(b) Reports of the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund, the United Nations Children's Fund and the World Food Programme	Report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund on its second regular session of 2002 (DP/2003/1)
		Report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development programme/United Nations Population Fund on its first regular session of 2003 (DP/2003/9)
		Annual reports of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund to the Economic and Social Council (E/2003/13)
		Report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund on its first regular session of 2003 (E/2003/34 (Part I))
		Report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund on its annual session of 2003 (E/2003/34 (Part II))
		Annual report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund to the Economic and Social Council (E/2003/48)
		Report of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme on its 2002 sessions (E/2003/36)
		Annual report of the Executive Director of the World Food Programme (E/2003/14)

Date		*Programme*	*Documentation*
			Report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on strengthening consultations with the Member States on the *Human Development Report*, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 57/264 (DP/2003/17)
			Decisions of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund on its annual session of 2003 (DP/2003/26)
	(c)	Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries	Report of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (A/58/39)
			Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Extension of water-related technical cooperation projects to end-beneficiaries: bridging the gap between the normative and the operational in the United Nations system (case studies in two African countries)" (A/57/497); and the comments of the Secretary-General and the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination thereon (A/57/497/Add.1)
		Coordination segment	
Tuesday, 8 July			
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Item 4	The role of the Economic and Social Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits	Report of the Secretary-General on the role of the Economic and Social Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits (E/2003/67)
		Introduction and general discussion	Comprehensive report of the Statistical Commission on the work related to chapter VI, section E, of its report on its thirty-third session and on basic indicators for the integrated and coordinated follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits at all levels, including the report on indicators on means of implementation (E/2003/__ and E/2002/24) (also under item 13 (c))
			Note by the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations transmitting the report of the Committee on World Food Security on the progress in the implementation of the World Food Summit Plan of Action, highlighting its linkages with the coordinated and integrated follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits undertaken by the United Nations system

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3 p.m.-6 p.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Panel discussion on "Conference implementation: common goals and common challenges"	
Wednesday, 9 July			
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Item 4 (continued)	General discussion	
3 p.m.-6 p.m.		Panel discussion on "Working together for rural development to help realize internationally agreed development goals"	
Thursday, 10 July			
10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3 p.m.-6 p.m.	Item 4 (concluded)	Conclusion of the coordination segment	
		Adoption of the agreed outcome	
		Humanitarian affairs segment	
Friday, 11 July			
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Item 5	Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance	Report of the Secretary-General on the progress made in strengthening the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations (A/58/85-E/2003/80)
		Theme: "Strengthening of the coordination of the United Nations humanitarian assistance, with particular attention to: (a) humanitarian financing and effectiveness of humanitarian assistance; and (b) transition from relief to development"	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Evaluation of United Nations system response in East Timor: coordination and effectiveness" (JIU/REP/2002/10); and the comments of the Secretary-General and the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination thereon" (A/58/85/Add.1-E/2003/80/Add.1)
		Introduction and general discussion	
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	Item 5 (continued)	Panel discussion on "Humanitarian financing and effectiveness of humanitarian assistance"	
Week of 14-18 July			
Monday, 14 July			
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Item 5 (continued)	Panel discussion on "The transition from relief to development"	
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	Item 5 (continued)	Panel discussion on "Responding to the effects of HIV/AIDS and other widespread general diseases on humanitarian relief operations"	
Tuesday, 15 July			
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Item 5 (continued)	Continuation of general discussion	
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	Item 5 (concluded)	Conclusion of the humanitarian affairs segment	
		Adoption of the outcome of the segment	

Date		*Programme*	*Documentation*
		General segment[4]	
Wednesday, 16 July			
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Item 6	Implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits	
		(a) Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development	President's summary of the special high-level meeting of the Council with the Bretton Woods institutions and the World Trade Organization (A/58/77-E/2003/62 and Add.1 and 2)
			Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up efforts to the International Conference on Financing for Development (A/57/319-E/2002/85)
		(b) Review and coordination of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	Item 6 (continued)	Implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits	
Thursday, 17 July			
10 a.m.-1 p.m.		Dialogue with the Chairpersons of the functional commissions with the Economic and Social Council	
	Item 8	Implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/227 and 52/12 B	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of agreed conclusions 2002/1 on strengthening further the Economic and Social Council
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	Item 7	Coordination, programme and other questions	
		(a) Reports of coordination bodies	Annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination for 2002 (E/2003/55)
			Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its forty-third session (A/58/16)
		(b) Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005	Relevant sections of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 (A/58/6 (introduction and sects. 9-27))
			Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its forty-third session (A/58/16)
		(c) Calendar of conferences and meetings in the economic, social and related fields	Draft calendar of conferences and meetings in the economic, social and related fields for 2004 and 2005
		(d) International cooperation in the field of informatics	Report of the Secretary-General on United Nations informatics systems (including the findings of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics and an assessment of its work and mandate)

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		(g) Joint United Nations Programme on Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (UNAIDS)	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the Joint United Nations Programme on Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (UNAIDS) (E/2003/66)
		(i) Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) Task Force	First annual report of the Secretary-General on the Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) Task Force (E/2003/56)
	Item 13	Economic and environmental questions	
		(b) Science and technology for development	Report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on its sixth session (E/2003/31)
			Note by the Secretary-General of the United Nations transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union on the preparations for the World Summit on the Information Society (A/58/74-E/2003/58)
	Item 7	Coordination, programme and other questions	
		(e) Long-term programme of support for Haiti	Report of the Secretary-General on the long-term programme of support for Haiti (E/2003/54)
		(h) Ad hoc advisory group on African countries emerging from conflict	Report of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau (E/2003/8)
			Letter dated 26 September 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Burundi to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Economic and Social Council (E/2002/86)
Friday, 18 July			
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Item 10	Regional cooperation	Report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation (E/2003/15)
		Theme: "Development dimensions of trade negotiations: a regional perspective"	
		General discussion	Addendum to the report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation: matters calling for action by the Economic and Social Council or brought to its attention (E/2003/15/Add.1)
			Summary of the economic survey of Europe, 2002 (E/2003/16)
			Summary of the economic and social situation in Africa, 2002 (E/2003/17)
			Summary of the economic and social survey of Asia and the Pacific, 2003 (E/2003/18)
			Summary of the economic survey of Latin America and the Caribbean, 2002 (E/2003/19)

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			Summary of the survey of economic and social developments in the region of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, 2002-2003 (E/2003/20)
			Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Secretaries of the Economic Commission for Africa and the Economic Commission for Europe on the Europe-Africa permanent link through the Strait of Gibraltar (E/2003/45)
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	Item 10 (continued)	Regional cooperation General discussion	
	Item 9	Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations	Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people
			Report of the President of the Council on consultations held with the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (E/2003/47)
			Report of the Secretary-General on the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations (A/58/66)
	Item 11	Economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan	Report of the Secretary-General on the economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan (A/58/75-E/2003/21)
Week of 21-25 July			
Monday, 21 July			
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Item 7	Coordination, programme and other questions	
		(f) Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system	Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to, and progress in the implementation of, the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, including progress in the area of gender mainstreaming (also under item 14 (a))
	Item 13	Economic and environmental questions	

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		(m) Women and development	Relevant sections of the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its forty-seventh session (E/2003/27)
	Item 14	Social and human rights questions	
		(a) Advancement of women	Report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its forty-seventh session (E/2003/27)
			Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (A/58/38)
			Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to, and progress in the implementation of, the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, including progress in the area of gender mainstreaming (also under item 7 (f))
			Report of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (E/2003/59)
	Item 13	Economic and environmental questions	
		(f) Population and development	Report of the Commission on Population and Development on its thirty-sixth session (E/2003/25)
	Item 14	Social and human rights questions	
		(b) Social development	Report of the Commission for Social Development on its forty-first session (E/2003/26)
			Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report on the preparations for and observance of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family in 2004 (A/58/67-E/2003/49)
			Report of the Secretary-General on the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons (A/58/61-E/2003/5)
			Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the progress report by the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the measures taken for the operationalization of the World Solidarity Fund (A/58/72-E/2003/53)
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	Item 13 (continued)	Economic and environmental questions	Consolidated report of the Secretary-General on the work of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council (also under item 14)
		(a) Sustainable development	Report of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its eleventh session (E/2003/29)

Date	*Programme*	*Documentation*
		Report of the Committee for Development Policy on its fifth session (including its final recommendations on Maldives, and its recommendations regarding the theme chosen for the high-level segment of 2003 of the Council (E/2003/33)
	(d) Human settlements	Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) on its nineteenth session (A/58/8)
		Report of the Secretary-General on the coordinated implementation of the Habitat Agenda
	(e) Environment	Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its twenty-second session (A/58/25)
	(i) United Nations Forum on Forests	Report of the United Nations Forum on Forests on its third session (E/2003/42)
	(l) Transport of dangerous goods	Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (E/2003/46)
	(c) Statistics	Report of the Statistical Commission on its thirty-fourth session (E/2003/24)
		Comprehensive report of the Statistical Commission on the work related to chapter VI, section E, of its report on its thirty-third session and on basic indicators for the integrated and coordinated follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits at all levels, including the report on indicators on means of implementation (E/2003/___ and E/2002/24) (also under item 4)
	(g) Public administration and development	Report of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration on its second session (E/2003/44)
	(h) International cooperation in tax matters	No advance documentation
	(j) Assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations related to assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions (A/57/165 and Add.1)
		Note by the Secretary-General on assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions (E/2003/63)
	(k) Cartography	Report of the Secretary-General on the Eighth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names (E/2003/4)

Date		*Programme*	*Documentation*
Tuesday, 22 July			
10 a.m.-1 p.m. 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	Item 13 (concluded)	Economic and environmental questions	
	Item 12	Non-governmental organizations	Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on the first part of its 2003 regular session (E/2003/32 (Part I))
	Item 15	Consideration of the request for conversion of the International Civil Defence Organization, an intergovernmental organization with observer status with the Economic and Social Council, to a specialized agency of the United Nations system	Letter dated 19 July 2001 from the Secretary-General of the International Civil Defence Organization addressed to the President of the Economic and Social Council (E/2002/4)
	Item 16	Negotiation of an agreement between the United Nations and the World Tourism Organization to constitute it as a specialized agency of the United Nations system	Report of the Committee on Negotiations with Intergovernmental Agencies (E/2003/60) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting a communication received from the World Tourism Organization (E/C.1/2003/2)
	Item 14 (continued)	Social and human rights questions	Consolidated report of the Secretary-General on the work of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council (also under item 13)
		(c) Crime prevention and criminal justice	Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its twelfth session (E/2003/30) Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the preparations for the Eleventh United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice
		(d) Narcotic drugs	Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its forty-sixth session (E/2003/28) Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 2002 (E/INCB/2002/1)
		(e) United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees	Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (E/2003/68 and E/2003/L.4)
		(f) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination	Note by the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination and the follow-up to the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance (A/58/80-E/2003/71)
		(i) Genetic privacy and non-discrimination	Report of the Secretary-General on the information and comments received from Governments and relevant international organizations and functional commissions pursuant to Council resolution 2001/39

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Wednesday, 23 July			
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Item 14 (concluded)	Social and human rights questions	
		(g) Human rights	Report of the Commission on Human Rights on its fifty-ninth session (E/2003/23)
			Report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on its twenty-eighth and twenty-ninth sessions (E/2003/22)
			Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (E/2003/73)
		(h) Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues	Report of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues on its second annual session (E/2003/43)
			Report of the Secretary-General on the review of all existing mechanisms, procedures and programmes within the United Nations concerning indigenous issues as requested in paragraph (e) of Council decision 2001/316 of 26 July 2001 (E/2003/72)
3 p.m.		Action on all outstanding draft proposals	
Thursday, 24 July			
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.		Action on all outstanding draft proposals	
Friday, 25 July		*Conclusion of the work of the substantive session of 2003*	

[1] Item 1 remains open throughout the substantive session and includes the consideration of documents E/2003/6, E/2003/7, E/2003/10 and E/2003/65 (to be issued).

[2] Complete title: high-level panel on "Resources for operational activities for development, reviewing the progress made on the issue of funding on development cooperation activities of the United Nations".

[3] Complete title: panel on "An impartial and independent assessment of the extent to which the United Nations funds, programmes and agencies at the field level learn lessons from their evaluations and to formulate proposals on how to improve the feedback mechanisms at the field level".

[4] Including consideration, under item 1, of the note by the Secretary-General on the themes for the high-level and coordination segments of the substantive session of 2004 of the Economic and Social Council (E/2003/65).

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Note by the Secretariat

Information on the status of the pre-session documentation for the substantive session of 2003, as at 16 May 2003, is contained in the annex and is submitted to the Council for its consideration. It will be updated as necessary.

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Annex

Status of documentation as at 16 May 2003

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1	**Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters**				
	Annotated provisional agenda (E/2003/100)	DGACM			Yes
	Proposed programme of work (E/2003/L.5)	DGACM	*Received*: 16 May 2003		No
	Status of documentation (E/2003/L.6)	DGACM	*Received*: 16 May 2003		No
	Letter dated 22 July 2002 from the Permanent Observer of the Organization of the Islamic Conference to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Economic and Social Council (E/2003/6)	DGACM			Yes
	Letter dated 23 July 2002 from the Permanent Observer of the Organization of the Islamic Conference to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Economic and Social Council (E/2003/7)	DGACM			Yes
	Letter dated 29 November 2002 from the Managing Director of the Common Fund for Commodities to the President of the Economic and Social Council (E/2003/10)	DGACM			Yes
	Note by the Secretary-General on the proposed themes for the high-level and coordination segments of the 2004 substantive session of the Economic and Social Council (E/2003/65)	DESA	*Received*: 9 May 2003	11 June 2003	No
2	**Promoting an integrated approach to rural development in developing countries for poverty eradication and sustainable development**				
	Report of the Secretary-General on promoting an integrated approach to rural development in developing countries for poverty eradication and sustainable development (E/2003/51)	DESA			Yes
	World Economic and Social Survey, 2003 (E/2003/70) (chap. I)	DESA	*Slotted date*: 9 May 2003		No
	Relevant section of the report of the Committee for Development Policy on its fifth session on recommendations regarding the theme chosen for the high-level segment of the substantive session *(also under item 13 (a))* (E/2003/33, Supplement No. 13)	DESA	*Received*: 7 May 2003	12 June 2003	No

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3	**Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation**				
	(a) Follow-up to policy recommendations of the General Assembly and the Council				
	Report of the Secretary-General on comprehensive statistical data on operational activities for development for 2001 (E/2003/52)	DESA	*Received*: 21 April 2003	2 June 2003	No
	Report of the Secretary-General on the progress achieved in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 56/201 on the triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system and addenda thereto (E/2003/61)	DESA	*Received*: 9 May 2003	9 June 2003	No
	Report of the Secretary-General on assessment of lessons learned by United Nations funds, programmes and agencies of the United Nations system from their evaluation activities at the field level (E/2003/64)	DESA	*Received*: 9 May 2003	12 June 2003	No
	Report of the Secretary-General on the progress on the issue of funding for development cooperation activities of the United Nations system	DESA	*Slotted date: 2 May 2003*		No
	Consolidated list of issues related to the coordination of operational activities (E/2003/CRP.1 (English only))	DESA	*Slotted date*: 15 June 2003		No
	(b) Reports of the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund, the United Nations Children's Fund and the World Food Programme				
	Report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund on its second regular session of 2002 (DP/2003/1)	UNDP			Yes
	Report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund on its first regular session of 2003 (DP/2003/9)	UNDP			Yes
	Decisions of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund on its annual session of 2003 (DP/2003/26)	UNDP	*Slotted date*: 26 June 2003		No
	Annual reports of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund (E/2003/13)	UNDP			Yes
	Report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund on its first regular session of 2003 (E/2003/34) (Part I)	UNICEF			Yes

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	Report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund on its annual session 2003	UNICEF	*Slotted date*: 20 June 2003		No
	Annual report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund (E/2003/48)	UNICEF			Yes
	Report of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme on its 2002 sessions (E/2003/36, Supplement No. 13)	WFP			Yes
	Annual report of the Executive Director of the World Food Programme (E/2003/14)	WFP	*Received*: 9 May 2003		No
	Report of the Administrator of UNDP on strengthening consultations with Member States on the *Human Development Report* (DP/2003/17)	UNDP			Yes
	(c) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries				
	Report of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (A/58/39, Supplement No. 39)	UNDP	*Slotted date*: 13 June 2003		No
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Extension of water-related technical cooperation projects to end-beneficiaries: bridging the gap between the normative and the operational in the United Nations system (case studies in two African countries)" (JIU/REP/2002/4) (A/57/492)	JIU			Yes
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting his comments and those of the United Nations Chief Executives Board for Coordination on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Extension of water-related technical cooperation projects to end-beneficiaries: bridging the gap between the normative and the operational in the United Nations system (case studies in two African countries)" (JIU/REP/2002/4) (A/57/497/Add.1)	CEB	*Received*: 2 May 2003	2 June 2003	No
4	**The role of the Economic and Social Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits**				
	Report of the Secretary-General on the role of the Economic and Social Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits (E/2003/67)	DESA	*Received*: 14 May 2003	12 June 2003	No

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	Comprehensive report of the Statistical Commission on the work related to chapter VI, section E, of its report on its thirty-third session and on basic indicators for the integrated and coordinated follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits at all levels, including the report on indicators on means of implementation (E/2002/24, Supplement No. 4) (*also under item 13 (c)*) (E/2003/83)	DESA	*Slotted date*: 20 June 2003		No
	Note by the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations transmitting a report by the Committee on World Food Security on progress in the implementation of the World Food Summit Plan of Action, highlighting linkages with the follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits	FAO	*Slotted date*: 16 May 2003		No
5	**Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance**				
	Report of the Secretary-General on progress made in strengthening the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations	OCHA	*Slotted date*: 23 May 2003		No
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Evaluation of the United Nations system response in East Timor: coordination and effectiveness" (JIU/REP/2002/10) (A/58/85-E/2003/80)	JIU	*Slotted date*: 27 May 2003		No
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting his comments and those of the United Nations Chief Executives Board for Coordination on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Evaluation of the United Nations system response in East Timor: coordination and effectiveness" (JIU/REP/2002/10) (A/58/85/Add.1-E/2003/80/Add.1)	CEB	*Slotted date: 27 May 2003*		No
6	**Implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits**				
	(a) Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development				
	President's summary of the special high-level meeting of the Economic and Social Council with the Bretton Woods institutions and the World Trade Organization (A/58/77-E/2003/62)	DESA	*Received*: 9 May 2003	9 June 2003	No
	Summary of the hearings and dialogue of the Economic and Social Council with members of civil society (A/58/77/Add.1-E/2003/62/Add.1)	DESA	*Slotted date*: 23 May 2003		No
	Summary of the hearings and dialogue of the Economic and Social Council with business interlocutors (A/58/77/Add.2-E/2003/62/Add.2)	DESA	*Slotted date*: 23 May 2003		No

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	Report of the Secretary-General on follow-up efforts to the International Conference on Financing for Development (A/57/319-E/2002/85)	DESA			Yes
	(b) Review and coordination of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010				
	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010	OHRLDC	*Slotted date*: 16 May 2003		No
7	**Coordination, programme and other questions**				
	(a) Reports of coordination bodies				
	Annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination for 2002 (E/2003/55)	CEB	*Received*: 25 April 2003	23 May 2003	No
	Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its forty-third session (A/58/16, Supplement No. 16)	DM	*Slotted date*: 11 July 2003		No
	(b) Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005				
	Relevant sections of the proposed biennial programme budget for 2004-2005 (Introduction and sections 9 to 27) (A/58/6, Supplement No. 6)	DM			Yes
	Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its forty-third session (A/58/16, Supplement No. 16)	DM	*Slotted date*: 11 July 2003		No
	(c) Calendar of conferences and meetings in the economic, social and related fields				
	Draft calendar of conferences and meetings in the economic, social and related fields for 2004-2005	DGACM	*Slotted date*: 16 May 2003		No
	(d) International cooperation in the field of informatics				
	Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations informatics system (including the findings of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics and assessment of its work and mandate)	DM	*Slotted date*: 19 May 2003		No
	(e) Long-term programme of support for Haiti				
	Report of the Secretary-General on progress achieved in implementing a long-term programme of support for Haiti (E/2003/54)	DESA	*Received*: 25 April 2003	23 May 2003	No

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	(f) Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes of the United Nations system				
	Report of the Secretary-General on follow-up to and implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, including progress in the area of gender mainstreaming (*also under item 14 (a)*)	DESA	*Slotted date*: 16 May 2003		No
	(g) Joint United Nations Programme on Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (UNAIDS)				
	Note of the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the Joint United Nations Programme on Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (UNAIDS) (E/2003/66)	UNAIDS	*Received*: 16 May 2003		No
	(h) Ad hoc advisory group on African countries emerging from conflict				
	Report of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau (E/2003/8)	OSAA			Yes
	Letter dated 26 September 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Burundi to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Economic and Social Council (E/2002/86)				Yes
	(i) Information and Communication Technologies Task Force				
	Report of the Secretary-General transmitting the first annual report of the Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) Task Force (E/2003/56)	DESA	*Received*: 28 April 2003	30 May 2003	Yes
8	**Implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/227 and 52/12 B**				
	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Economic and Social Council agreed conclusions 2002/1 on strengthening further the Economic and Social Council	DESA	*Slotted date*: 23 May 2003		No
9	**Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations**				
	Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people	DPA	*Slotted date*: 27 May 2003		No

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	Report of the President of the Council on consultations held with the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples	DPA	*Received*: 11 April 2003	23 May 2003	No
	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations (A/58/66)	DPA			Yes
10	**Regional cooperation**				
	Report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation (E/2003/15)	RCNY	*Slotted date*: 16 May 2003		No
	Addendum to the report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation: matters calling for action by the Economic and Social Council or brought to its attention (E/2003/15/Add.1)	RCNY	*Slotted date*: 6 June 2003		No
	Summary of the economic survey of Europe, 2002 (E/2003/16)	RCNY	*Received*: 9 May 2003	7 June 2003	No
	Summary of the survey of economic and social conditions in Africa, 2002 (E/2003/17)	RCNY	*Received*: 13 May 2003	12 June 2003	No
	Summary of the survey of economic and social conditions in Asia and the Pacific, 2002 (E/2003/18)	RCNY			Yes
	Summary of the economic survey of Latin America and the Caribbean, 2002 (E/2003/19)	RCNY	*Received*: 14 May 2003	16 June 2003	No
	Summary of economic and social developments in the region of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, 2002-2003 (E/2003/20)	RCNY	*Received*: 9 May 2003	6 June 2003	No
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Secretaries of the Economic Commission for Africa and the Economic Commission for Europe on the Europe-Africa permanent link through the Strait of Gibraltar (E/2003/45)	RCNY	*Received*: 7 May 2003	4 June 2003	No
11	**Economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan**				
	Report of the Secretary-General on the economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan (A/58/75-E/2003/21)	ESCWA	*Slotted date*: 27 May 2003		No

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12	**Non-governmental organizations**				
	Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on the first part of its 2003 session (E/2003/32 (Part I), Supplement No. 12)	DGACM	*Slotted date*: 6 June 2003		No
13	**Economic and environmental questions**				
	Consolidated report on the work of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council (*also under item 14*)	DESA	*Slotted date*: 23 May 2003		No
	(a) Sustainable development				
	Report of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its eleventh session (E/2003/29, Supplement No. 9)	DESA	*Slotted date*: 16 May 2003		No
	Report of the Committee for Development Policy on its fifth session (including final report on recommendation on Maldives and recommendations regarding the theme chosen for high-level segment) (*also under item 2*) (E/2003/33, Supplement No. 13)	DESA	*Received*: 7 May 2003	12 June 2003	No
	(b) Science and technology for development				
	Report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on its sixth session (E/2003/31, Supplement No. 11)	UNOG	*Slotted date*: 23 May 2003		No
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union on the preparations for the World Summit on the Information Society (A/58/74-E/2003/58)	DESA	*Received*: 30 April 2003	2 June 2003	No
	(c) Statistics				
	Report of the Statistical Commission on its thirty-fourth session (E/2003/24, Supplement No. 4)	DGACM			Yes
	Comprehensive report by the Statistical Commission on the work related to chapter VI, section E, of its report on its thirty-third session and on basic indicators for the integrated and coordinated follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits at all levels, including the report on indicators on means of implementation (E/2002/24, Supplement No. 4) (*also under item 4*) (E/2003/83)	DESA	*Slotted date*: 20 June 2003		No
	(d) Human settlements				
	Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (A/58/8, Supplement No. 8)	Habitat	*Slotted date*: 23 May 2003		No
	Report of the Secretary-General on the coordinated implementation of the Habitat Agenda	Habitat	*Slotted date*: 30 May 2003		No

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	(e) Environment				
	Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its twenty-second session (A/58/25, Supplement No. 25)	UNEP			Yes
	(f) Population and development				
	Report of the Commission on Population and Development on its thirty-sixth session (E/2003/25, Supplement No. 5)	DGACM	*Received*: 13 May 2003	13 June 2003	No
	(g) Public administration and development				
	Report of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration on its second session (E/2003/44, Supplement No. 24)	DESA	*Received*: 2 May 2003	2 June 2003	No
	(h) International cooperation in tax matters				
	No advance documentation				
	(i) Forum on Forests				
	Report of the United Nations Forum on Forests on its third session (E/2003/42, Supplement No. 22)	DESA	*Slotted date*: 20 June 2003		No
	(j) Assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions				
	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations related to assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions (A/57/165 and Add.1)	DESA			Yes
	Note by the Secretary-General on assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions (E/2003/63)	DESA	*Received*: 9 May 2003	6 June 2003	No
	(k) Cartography				
	Report of the Secretary-General on the Eighth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names (E/2003/4)	DESA			Yes
	(l) Transport of dangerous goods				
	Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (E/2003/46)	RCNY	*Received*: 7 May 2003	5 June 2003	No
	(m) Women and development				
	Relevant section of the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its forty-seventh session (*also under item 14 (a)*) (E/2003/27, Supplement No. 7)	DGACM	*Received*: 17 April 2003	23 May 2003	No

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14	**Social and human rights questions**				
	Consolidated report on the work of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council (*also under item 13*)	DESA	*Slotted date*:		No
	(a) Advancement of women				
	Report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its forty-seventh session (*also under item 13 (m)*) (E/2003/27, Supplement No. 7)	DGACM	*Received*: 17 April 2003	23 May 2003	No
	Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (A/58/38, Supplement No. 38, Part I)	DESA	*Received*: 19 March 2003	30 May 2003	No
	Report of the Secretary-General on follow-up to and progress in the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, including progress in the area of gender mainstreaming (*also under item 7 f*))	DESA	*Slotted date*: 16 May 2003		No
	Report of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (E/2003/59)	INSTRAW	*Received*: 5 May 2003	7 June 2003	No
	(b) Social development				
	Report of the Commission for Social Development on its forty-first session (E/2003/26, Supplement No. 6)	DGACM			Yes
	Note by the Secretary-General on the preparations for and observance of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family in 2004 (A/58/67-E/2003/49)	DESA			Yes
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the progress report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme entitled "Progress report on the measures taken for the operationalization of the World Solidarity Fund" (A/58/72-E/2003/53)	DESA			Yes
	Report of the Secretary-General on the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons (A/58/61-E/2003/5)	DESA			Yes
	(c) Crime prevention and criminal justice				
	Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its twelfth session (E/2003/30, Supplement No. 10)	ODCCP	*Received*:		No
	Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the preparations for the Eleventh United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice	ODCCP	*Received*:	20 June 2003	No
	(d) Narcotic drugs				
	Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its forty-sixth session (E/2003/28, Supplement No. 8)	ODCCP	*Received*:	13 June 2003	No

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	Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 2002 (E/INCB/2002/1)	ODCCP			Yes
	(e) United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees				
	Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (E/2003/68)	UNHCR	*Received*:		No
	Enlargement of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (draft decision) (E/2003/L.4)				Yes
	(f) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination				
	Report of the Secretary-General on implementation of the Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination and follow-up to the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance (A/58/80-E/2003/71)	HR	*Received*:		No
	(g) Human rights				
	Report of the Commission on Human Rights on its fifty-ninth session (E/2003/23, Supplement No. 3)	HR	*Received*:		No
	Report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on its twenty-eighth and twenty-ninth sessions (E/2003/22, Supplement No. 2)	HR	*Received*:		No
	Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (E/2003/73)	HR	*Received*:		No
	(h) Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues				
	Report of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues on its second session (E/2003/43, Supplement No. 23)	DESA	*Slotted date*: 27 May 2003		No
	Report of the Secretary-General on the review of all existing mechanisms, procedures and programmes within the United Nations concerning indigenous issues (E/2003/72)	HR	*Received*:		No
	(i) Genetic privacy and non-discrimination				
	Report of the Secretary-General on information and comments received from Governments and relevant international organizations and functional commissions pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 2001/39	DESA	*Slotted date*: 16 May 2003		No

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15	**Consideration of the request for conversion of the International Civil Defence Organization, an intergovernmental organization with observer status with the Economic and Social Council, to a specialized agency of the United Nations system**				
	Letter dated 19 July 2001 from the Secretary-General of the International Civil Defence Organization to the President of the Economic and Social Council (E/2002/4)	DGACM			Yes
16	**Negotiation of an agreement between the United Nations and the World Tourism Organization to constitute it as a specialized agency of the United Nations system**				
	Report of the Committee on Negotiations with Intergovernmental Agencies (E/2003/60)	DESA	*Received*: 8 May 2003	6 June 2003	No
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting communication received from the World Tourism Organization (E/C.1/2003/2)	DGACM	*Received*: 14 May 2003	2 June 2003	No

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Provisional calendar of conferences and meetings for 2004 and 2005 in the economic, social and related fields

Note by the Secretariat**

Summary

In the present note, the Economic and Social Council is invited to approve the calendar of conferences and meetings for 2004 and 2005 in the economic, social and related fields. Information on meetings of related bodies and conferences and meetings of governing bodies of specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency is also provided. The attention of the Council is drawn to the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolutions 45/264, 46/235 and 50/227 on the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields, which have been taken into account in the preparation of the calendar.

The Council is invited to consider further the biennialization of the sessions of its subsidiary bodies, in accordance with paragraph 2 (f) (ii) of its resolution 1988/77 and General Assembly resolution 50/206 A.

Attention is drawn to Council decision 1988/103, in which the Council decided to invite the Committee on Conferences to review the Council's draft calendar of conferences and meetings and submit, as appropriate, its recommendations thereon to the Council.

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** Updating the calendar based on inputs worldwide resulted in the delayed submission of the present document.

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1. The provisional calendar of conferences and meetings in the economic, social and related fields for 2004 and 2005, contained in the annex to the present document, has been prepared in accordance with the relevant General Assembly resolutions, in particular resolutions 37/14 C, 39/68 B and D, 40/243, 41/177, 41/213, 42/207 B, 45/264, 46/235 and 50/227, and the relevant decisions and resolutions of the Economic and Social Council. Attention is drawn to the following decisions of the Council and the General Assembly:

(a) That the Council should hold an organizational session not to exceed four days' duration to be held in early February and a resumed organizational session at the end of April for one or two days, and that the Council should hold one substantive session of four weeks to take place in alternate years in New York and Geneva in July (Assembly resolutions 45/264 and 50/227);

(b) That all meetings of subsidiary and associated organs should conform to the Council's schedule of meetings and not vice versa (decision adopted at the Council's 1837th meeting, on 28 July 1972, at the fifty-third session);

(c) That the subsidiary bodies of the Council, with the exception of the regional commissions, may not create either standing or ad hoc intersessional subsidiary bodies without prior approval of the Council (rule 24, para. 2, of the rules of procedure of the Council);

(d) That the regular sessions of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, the Economic Commission for Africa and the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, as well as meetings of their subsidiary bodies, may be held away from their headquarters when the commission concerned so decides, subject, in the case of regular sessions of the commissions, to the approval of the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly (Assembly resolution 40/243, sect. I, para. 4 (f));

(e) To adopt, on a regular basis, a biennial cycle of meetings which would correspond to the programme budget cycle, for better administrative control (Council decision 281 (LXIII), para. (b));

(f) That (i) the regular sessions of the functional commissions and standing committees of the Council should normally have a duration of not more than eight working days; and (ii) once the calendar of meetings had been adopted by the Council, no additional meetings involving departures from the biennial cycle of meetings would be authorized during the biennium (Council decision 1979/81, paras. (b) to (d), and Assembly resolution 34/50) and that the waiver to the headquarters rule contained in Assembly resolution 40/243 is discontinued in the case of the functional commissions (Assembly resolution 49/221 A);

(g) That the Secretary-General should ensure that meetings of the subsidiary bodies of the Council would end at least eight weeks before the session of the Council at which their reports were to be considered (Council resolutions 1982/50, para. 1 (l), and 1988/77, para. 2 (f) (i)).

2. The Council's attention is drawn to the decision taken by the Committee on Conferences at its 154th meeting, on 11 March 1981, that in future, requests for intersessional departures from the calendar of conferences should only be submitted to the Committee for its consideration if accompanied by a presentation of detailed

substantive arguments supporting a proposed change in or an addition to the calendar. The Committee also decided to request the Secretariat to inform the Committee, as far in advance as possible, of the need for a postponement of sessions of United Nations bodies, together with a presentation of the substantive reasons necessitating a delay.

3. The Council may recall that in its decision 1992/214 of 7 February 1992 it decided to grant authority to its Bureau to approve intersessional departures from its approved calendar of conferences and meetings in respect of its subsidiary bodies when the Council was not in session and after consultation with the Committee on Conferences.

4. The Council may also recall that in paragraph 2 (f) (ii) of its resolution 1988/77, it decided to further continue to consider the biennialization of the sessions of its subsidiary bodies. The subsidiary bodies of the Council have biennialized their meeting schedules, with the exception of:

(a) Commission on Human Rights and one of its working groups; and the Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights and its four working groups;

(b) Commission on the Status of Women;

(c) Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the Subcommission on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East;

(d) Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice;

(e) Commission on Sustainable Development;

(f) Commission on Population and Development;

(g) Commission for Social Development;

(h) Commission on Science and Technology for Development;

(i) Statistical Commission;

(j) United Nations Forum on Forests;

(k) Economic Commission for Africa;

(l) Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific;

(m) Economic Commission for Europe;

(n) Committee for Programme and Coordination;

(o) Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations;

(p) Committee for Development Policy;

(q) Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and its pre-sessional working group;

(r) Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.

5. The Council may wish to take the opportunity of its review of the provisional calendar to consider further the question of the biennialization of its subsidiary bodies in the context of its review of the mandates, composition, functions and

working methods of its functional commissions and expert groups and bodies (see Council resolution 1996/41 and Assembly resolution 50/227).

6. The Council's attention is drawn to Council decision 1988/103, in which the Council decided to invite the Committee on Conferences to review the Council's draft biennial calendar of conferences and meetings, beginning with the calendar for 1990-1991, and submit, as appropriate, its recommendations thereon to the Council. Such recommendations as the Committee on Conferences may have will be placed before the Council.

7. The Council will consider the following request of its subsidiary body for a change in their normal pattern of sessions, not listed in the annex, at its current session:

A request from the Committee of Experts on Public Administration to meet annually from 2005.

8. The mandates of the following working groups, not listed in the annex, are to be renewed by the Economic and Social Council at its current session:

(a) Working Group on Arbitrary Detention (see Council decision 2000/263 for the most recent mandate);

(b) Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances (for sessions in 2005, see Council decision 2001/221 for the most recent mandate);

(c) Working Group on a draft United Nations declaration on the rights of indigenous people;

(d) Working Group on Structural Adjustment;

(e) Working Group on the Right to Development;

(f) Working Group on People of African Descent;

(g) Working Group on Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action;

(h) Working Group on a draft optional protocol to the International Convention on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

9. In the preparation of the provisional calendar, due regard has been taken of General Assembly resolution 53/208 A, in particular paragraph 11, whereby it was decided that United Nations bodies should be invited to avoid holding meetings on Orthodox Good Friday and that this arrangement should be taken into account when drafting future calendars and meetings. For the next biennium, Orthodox Good Friday occurs on 9 April 2004 and 29 April 2005.

Annex

Provisional calendar of conferences and meetings for 2004 and 2005 in the economic, social and related fields and of the principal organs of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency

Explanatory notes

The following abbreviations are used in the present annex:

In the column headed "Organ"

ECA	Economic Commission for Africa
ECE	Economic Commission for Europe
ECLAC	Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean
ESCAP	Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
ESCWA	Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
IAEA	International Atomic Energy Agency
ICAO	International Civil Aviation Organization
ICSC	International Civil Service Commission
IFAD	International Fund for Agricultural Development
ILO	International Labour Organization
IMF	International Monetary Fund
IMO	International Maritime Organization
ITU	International Telecommunication Union
UNCCD	United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
UNHCR	Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
UNIDO	United Nations Industrial Development Organization
UNITAR	United Nations Institute for Training and Research

UNU	United Nations University
UPU	Universal Postal Union
WFP	World Food Programme
WHO	World Health Organization
WIPO	World Intellectual Property Organization
WMO	World Meteorological Organization

In the column headed "Membership"

G	Governments
E	Experts
ST	Secretariat or secretariats

In the column headed "Servicing"

I	Interpretation
T	Translation
PV	Verbatim records
SR	Summary records
A	Arabic
C	Chinese
E	English
F	French
R	Russian
S	Spanish

A. Provisional calendar of conferences and meetings for 2004

(as at May 2003)

	Organ	*Dates (2004)*	*Location*	*Membership*	*Servicing*[a]			*Periodicity*
1.	Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, Working Group on the Optional Protocol [General Assembly resolution 55/70][b]	5-9 January	New York	5 E	-	T	-	Two sessions per year
2.	Economic and Social Council, election of Bureau [Charter]	8 January	New York	54 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session per year
3.	UNCTAD, Working Party on the medium-term plan and the programme budget, forty-second session, first part [UNCTAD resolution 114 (V) and Trade and Development Board decision 156 (XVII)][c]	12-16 January	Geneva	[d]	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One or two sessions per year
4.	Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, thirtieth session [General Assembly resolutions 34/180 and 51/68][b]	12-30 January	New York	23 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions per year
5.	Committee on the Rights of the Child, thirty-fifth session [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211][b]	12-30 January	Geneva	10 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	Three sessions per year
6.	States Parties to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, twentieth meeting [General Assembly resolution 2106 (XX)][b]	14 January	New York	155 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session every two years
7.	UNICEF, Executive Board, first regular session [General Assembly resolutions 57 (I) and 48/162]	19-23 January	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Two to three sessions per year
8.	United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery, Board of Trustees [General Assembly resolution 46/122][c]	19-23 January	Geneva	5 E	I (EFS)	T	-	One session per year
9.	UNDP and UNFPA, Executive Board, first regular session [General Assembly resolutions 2029 (XX) and 48/162]	26-30 January	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Two to three sessions per year
10.	UNCTAD, Commission on Investment, Technology and Related Financial Issues [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167][c]	26-30 January	Geneva	[d]	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
11.	Joint Meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP [General Assembly resolution 52/12 B]	January (1 day)	New York	36 G/36 G/ 36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
12.	Consultative Committee on the United Nations Development Fund for Women, forty-fourth session [General Assembly resolutions 31/133 and 39/125]	January	New York	5 G	-	-	-	One session per year

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13.	Asia and Pacific Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Eleventh United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders [General Assembly resolution 51/171]	January	Bangkok	52 G	I (CEFR)	T	-	
14.	Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, pre-sessional working group [General Assembly resolutions 45/124, 47/94 and 51/68][b]	2-6 February	New York	4 E	I (EFS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
15.	Committee on the Rights of the Child, pre-sessional working group [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211][b]	2-6 February	Geneva	5 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Three sessions per year
16.	Economic and Social Council, organizational session [Charter]	3-6 February	New York	54 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session per year
17.	Commission for Social Development, forty-second session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 10 (II), 1139 (XLI) and 1996/7]	4-13 February	New York	46 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
18.	UNCTAD, Commission on Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167][c]	9-13 February	Geneva	[d]	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
19.	Commission on Human Rights, Working Group on Situations [Economic and Social Council resolution 1990/41]	9-13 February	Geneva	5 E	I (EFRS)	T	-	One session per year
20.	International Narcotics Control Board, seventy-ninth session [Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, article 11][b]	9-13 February	Vienna	13 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Two or three sessions per year
21.	WFP, Executive Board, first regular session [Economic and Social Council decision 1995/227 and General Assembly resolution 50/8][c]	16-20 February	Rome	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Three sessions per year
22.	UNCTAD, Commission on Enterprise, Business Facilitation and Development [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167][c]	February	Geneva	[d]	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
23.	UNEP, Committee of Permanent Representatives [Governing Council decision 13/2]	February	Nairobi	58 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Four sessions per year
24.	Africa Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Eleventh United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders [General Assembly resolution 51/171][c]	February	Addis Ababa	53 G	I (AEF)	T	-	

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25.	Committee on the Protection of the Rights of Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families [General Assembly resolution 45/158][b]	1-5 March	Geneva	10 E	I (EFS)	T	-	One session per year
26.	United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations, Board of Trustees [General Assembly resolution 40/131][c]	1-5 March	Geneva	5 E	I (EFRS)	T	-	One session per year
27.	Commission on the Status of Women, forty-eighth session [Economic and Social Council decision 1999/257]	1-12 March	New York	45 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
28.	Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, sixty-fourth session [General Assembly resolution 2106 A (XX)][b]	1-19 March	Geneva	18 E	I (CEFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions per year
29.	Statistical Commission, thirty-fifth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 1999/8]	2-5 March	New York	24 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
30.	Advisory Group of the United Nations Trust Fund for the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People [General Assembly resolution 48/163][c]	8-12 March	Geneva	10 E	I (ES)	T	-	
31.	Commission on Human Rights, sixtieth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 9 (II)]	15 March-23 April[f]	Geneva	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session per year
32.	Commission on Narcotic Drugs, forty-seventh session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 9 (I) and 1991/39]	16-25 March	Vienna	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
33.	Committee of the Whole of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs [Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/39]	16-25 March (4 days)	Vienna	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
34.	Commission on Population and Development, thirty-seventh session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 150 (VII), 87 (LVII) and 1995/55]	22-26 March	New York	47 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
35.	UNEP, Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum, eighth special session [General Assembly resolutions 2997 (XXVII) and 42/185]	29-31 March	Seoul	58 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session every two years
36.	Committee for Development Policy, sixth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 1998/46]	29 March-2 April	New York	24 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
37.	Committee of Experts on Public Administration [Economic and Social Council resolution 2001/45]	29 March-2 April	New York	24 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
38.	Human Rights Committee, Working Group on Communications [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)][b]	March (1 week)	New York	9 E	I (EFRS)	T	-	Three sessions per year
39.	ECE, fifty-ninth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 36 (IV)]	March	Geneva	55 G	I (EFR)	T	-	One session per year

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40.	Western Asia Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Eleventh United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders [General Assembly resolution 51/171][c]	March	Beirut	13 G	I (AEF)	T	-	
41.	Human Rights Committee, eightieth session [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)][b]	March/April (3 weeks)	New York	18 E	I (AEFRS)	T	SR	Three sessions per year
42.	UNITAR, Board of Trustees, forty-second session [General Assembly resolutions 1934 (XVIII) and 47/227][c]	March/April (1 week)	Geneva	28 E	I (AEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
43.	INSTRAW, Board of Trustees [General Assembly resolutions 33/187 and 34/157][c,e,g]	March/April[f] (1 week)	Santo Domingo	11 E	I (EFS)	T	-	One session per year
44.	Committee for the United Nations Population Award [General Assembly resolution 36/201][c]	March/April[f] (2 days)	New York	10 G	I (EFS)	T	-	One session per year
45.	Latin America and the Caribbean Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Eleventh United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders [General Assembly resolution 51/171][c]	March/April	Santiago	41 G	I (EFS)	T	-	
46.	Commission on Sustainable Development, twelfth session [Economic and Social Council decision 1993/207]	14-30 April	New York	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
47.	United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names, twenty-second session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 715 A (XXVII) and 1314 (XLIV)]	20-29 April	New York	80 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session every two years
48.	ESCAP, sixtieth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 37 (IV), 69 (V) and 723 B (XXVIII)]	22-28 April	Shanghai[h]	52 G	I (CEFR)	T	-	One session per year
49.	Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, thirty-second session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1982/33, 1985/17 and 1995/39][b]	26 April-14 May	Geneva	18 E	I (AEFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions per year
50.	Commission on Human Rights, Working Group on Enforced and Involuntary Disappearances, seventy-second session [Economic and Social Council decision 2001/221]	April[f] (1 week)	New York	5 E	I (AEFS)	T	-	
51.	Economic and Social Council, special high-level meeting with the Bretton Woods institutions and the World Trade Organization [General Assembly resolution 50/227]	April[f] (1 day)	New York	54 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session per year
52.	Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, organizational session [Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31]	April[f] (1 day)	New York	19 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
53.	Committee of Permanent Representatives to UN-Habitat [General Assembly resolution 56/206]	April[f]	Nairobi	58 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Four meetings per year

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54.	United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, first regular session [Economic and Social Council decision 2001/321]	April/May[f]	To be determined	26 ST	I (EF)	T	-	Two sessions per year
55.	Committee against Torture, pre-sessional working group [General Assembly resolution 56/44][b]	3-7 May	Geneva	4 E	I (EFRS)	T	-	
56.	United Nations Forum on Forests [Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/35 and decision 2001/218]	3-14 May	Geneva	194 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
57.	Economic and Social Council, resumed organizational session [Charter]	4-5 May	New York	54 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session per year
58.	Commission on Science and Technology for Development, seventh session [General Assembly resolution 46/235 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1993/75]	10-14 May	Geneva	33 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
59.	Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues [Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/22]	10-21 May	New York	16 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
60.	Committee against Torture, thirty-second session [General Assembly resolution 39/46 A][b]	10-21 May	Geneva	10 E	I (EFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions per year
61.	United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture, Board of Trustees, twenty-third session [General Assembly resolution 36/151][c]	10-26 May	Geneva	5 E	I (EFS)	T	-	One session per year
62.	Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations [Economic and Social Council resolutions 3 (II) and 1296 (XLIV) and decisions 1995/304 and 1997/297]	10-28 May	New York	19 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
63.	Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, thirteenth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 1992/1]	11-20 May	Vienna	40 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
64.	Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, parallel meetings for informal consultations and working groups [Economic and Social Council decision 1997/232]	11-20 May (12 meetings)	Vienna	40 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
65.	Commission on Human Rights, Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, Working Group on Minorities [Economic and Social Council resolution 1998/246]	17-21 May	Geneva	5 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
66.	Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, pre-sessional working group [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1982/33, 1985/17 and 1995/39][b]	17-21 May	Geneva	5 E	I (EFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
67.	International Narcotics Control Board, eightieth session [Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, article 11][b]	17-28 May	Vienna	13 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Two or three sessions per year

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68.	Committee on the Rights of the Child, thirty-sixth session [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211][b]	17 May-4 June	Geneva	10 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	Three sessions per year
69.	WFP, Executive Board, annual session [Economic and Social Council decision 1995/227 and General Assembly resolution 50/8][c]	24-28 May	Rome	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
70.	WFP, Executive Board, second regular session [Economic and Social Council decision 1995/227 and General Assembly resolution 50/8][d]	31 May-4 June	Rome	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Three sessions per year
71.	Committee for Programme and Coordination, organizational session [Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX) and General Assembly resolution 31/93]	May (1 day)	New York	34 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
72.	UNCTAD, Working Party on the medium-term plan and the programme budget, forty-second session, second part [UNCTAD resolution 114 (V) and Trade and Development Board decision 156 (XVII)][e]	May	Geneva	[d]	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One or two sessions per year
73.	ECA, Committee of Experts of the Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, twenty-third meeting [Economic and Social Council resolution 671 (XXV)]	May	Addis Ababa	53 G	I (AEF)	T	-	One session per year
74.	ECA, Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, thirty-sixth session of the Commission [Economic and Social Council resolution 671 (XXV)]	May/June	Addis Ababa	53 G	I (AEF)	T	-	One session per year
75.	Voluntary Fund for Technical Cooperation in the Field of Human Rights, Board of Trustees [Economic and Social Council decision 1993/283]	7-9 June	Geneva	5 E	I (EF)	T	-	Two sessions per year
76.	UNICEF, Executive Board, annual session [General Assembly resolutions 57 (I) and 48/162]	7-11 June	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
77.	Committee on the Rights of the Child, pre-sessional working group [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211][b]	7-11 June	Geneva	5 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Three sessions per year
78.	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, eleventh session [General Assembly resolution 57/235][e,f]	7-11 June	Sao Paulo	192 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
79.	Commission on Human Rights, Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery [Economic and Social Council decision 16 (LVI)]	14-18 June	Geneva	5 E	I (EFRS)	T	-	One session per year
80.	UNDP and UNFPA, Executive Board, annual session [General Assembly resolutions 2029 (XX) and 48/162]	14-25 June	Geneva	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year

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81.	UNFCCC, meetings of subsidiary bodies of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention [General Assembly decision 56/199][b,j]	14-25 June	Bonn	186 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
82.	Meeting of persons chairing human rights treaty bodies [General Assembly resolutions 46/111 and 49/178][c]	21-25 June	Geneva	8 E	I (EFS)	T	-	One session per year
83.	Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, Working Group on the Optional Protocol [General Assembly resolution 55/70][b]	28 June-2 July	New York	5 E	-	T	-	Two sessions per year
84.	Committee for Programme and Coordination, forty-fourth session, first part [Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX) and General Assembly resolution 31/93]	June (4 weeks)	New York	34 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
85.	Committee of Permanent Representatives to UN-Habitat [General Assembly resolution 56/206]	June	Nairobi	58 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Four meetings per year
86.	UNEP, Committee of Permanent Representatives [Governing Council decision 13/2]	June/July (1 day)	Nairobi	58 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Four sessions per year
87.	Subcommittee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1989/104 and 1999/65]	June/July	Geneva	23 G	I (CEFRS)	T	-	One or two sessions per year
88.	Human Rights Committee, Working Group on Communications [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)][b]	5-9 July	Geneva	9 E	I (EFRS)	T	-	Three sessions per year
89.	Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, thirty-first session [General Assembly resolutions 34/180 and 51/68][b]	5-23 July	New York	23 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions per year
90.	Economic and Social Council, substantive session [Charter]	6-30 July	Geneva	54 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session per year
91.	Human Rights Committee, eighty-first session [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)][b]	12-30 July	Geneva	18 E	I (AEFRS)	T	SR	Three sessions per year
92.	Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, pre-sessional working group [General Assembly resolutions 45/124, 47/94 and 51/68][b]	26-30 July	New York	4 E	I (EFS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
93.	Commission on Human Rights, Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, fifty-sixth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 9 (II)]	26 July-13 August	Geneva	26 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session per year
94.	Commission on Human Rights, Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, Working Group on Indigenous Populations [Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/34]	July (1 week)	Geneva	5 E	I (CEFRS)	T	-	One session per year

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95.	UNCTAD, Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167][c]	July	Geneva	To be determined	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
96.	Subcommittee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1989/104 and 1999/65]	July	Geneva	23 G	I (CEFRS)	T	-	One or two sessions per year
97.	Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, sixty-fifth session [General Assembly resolution 2106 A (XX)][b]	2-20 August	Geneva	18 E	I (CEFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions per year
98.	Commission on Human Rights, Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, Working Group on Communications [Economic and Social Council resolution 1503 (XLVIII)]	16-27 August	Geneva	5 E	I (CEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
99.	Committee for Programme and Coordination, forty-fourth session, second part [Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX) and General Assembly resolution 31/93]	August (2 weeks)	New York	34 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
100.	Commission on Human Rights, Working Group on Enforced and Involuntary Disappearances, seventy-third session [Economic and Social Council decision 2001/221]	August (1 week)	Geneva	5 E	I (AEFS)	T	-	
101.	UNICEF, Executive Board, second regular session [General Assembly resolutions 57 (I) and 48/162]	13-17 September	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Two to three sessions per year
102.	UNCTAD, Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget, forty-third session [UNCTAD resolution 114 (V) and Trade and Development Board decision 156 (XVII)][c]	13-17 September	Geneva	[d]	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One or two sessions per year
103.	Committee on the Rights of the Child, thirty-seventh session [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211][b]	13 September-1 October	Geneva	10 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	Three sessions per year
104.	UNDP and UNFPA, Executive Board, second regular session [General Assembly resolutions 2029 (XX) and 48/162]	20-24 September	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Two to three sessions per year
105.	UNCTAD, Trade and Development Board, fifty-first session [General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX) and UNCTAD resolution 114 (V)][c]	27 September-8 October	Geneva	148 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
106.	Committee of Permanent Representatives to UN-Habitat [General Assembly resolution 56/206]	September	Nairobi	58 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Four meetings per year

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107.	UNEP, Committee of Permanent Representatives [Governing Council decision 13/2]	September/ October (1 day)	Nairobi	58 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Four sessions per year
108.	UNCTAD, Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting [Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/67][c]	September/ October	Geneva	34 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
109.	International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States [General Assembly resolution 57/262][c,j]	Third Quarter	Mauritius	184 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
110.	Committee on the Rights of the Child, pre-sessional working group [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211][b]	4-8 October	Geneva	5 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Three sessions per year
111.	Human Rights Committee, Working Group on Communications [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)][b]	11-15 October	Geneva	9 E	I (EFRS)	T	-	Three sessions per year
112.	WFP, Executive Board, third regular session [Economic and Social Council decision 1995/227 and General Assembly resolution 50/8][e]	18-22 October	Rome	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Three sessions per year
113.	Human Rights Committee, eighty-second session [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)][b]	18 October-5 November	Geneva	18 E	I (AEFRS)	T	SR	Three sessions per year
114.	International Narcotics Control Board, eighty-first session [Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, article 11][b]	27 October-12 November	Vienna	13 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Two or three sessions per year
115.	UNHCR, Executive Committee, fifty-fifth session [General Assembly resolution 1166 (XII)][c]	October (1 week)	Geneva	64 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session per year
116.	United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, second regular session [Economic and Social Council decision 2001/321]	October	New York	26 ST	I (EF)	T	-	Two sessions per year
117.	Committee against Torture, pre-sessional working group [General Assembly resolution 56/44][b]	1-5 November	Geneva	4 E	I (EFRS)	T	-	
118.	Voluntary Fund for Technical Cooperation in the Field of Human Rights, Board of Trustees [Economic and Social Council decision 1993/283]	8-10 November	Geneva	5 E	I (EF)	T	-	Two sessions per year
119.	Commission on Human Rights, Working Group on Enforced and Involuntary Disappearances, seventy-fourth session [Economic and Social Council decision 2001/221]	8-17 November	Geneva	5 E	I (AEFS)	T	-	
120.	Committee against Torture, thirty-third session [General Assembly resolution 39/46 A][b]	8-19 November	Geneva	10 E	I (EFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions per year

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121.	Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, thirty-third session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1982/33, 1985/17 and 1995/39][b]	8-26 November	Geneva	18 E	I (AEFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions per year
122.	Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, pre-sessional working group [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1982/33, 1985/17 and 1995/39][b]	29 November-3 December	Geneva	5 E	I (EFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
123.	UNFCCC, Conference of the Parties to the Convention, session, and meetings of subsidiary bodies [General Assembly resolution 56/199][b,j]	29 November-10 December	Bonn	186 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
124.	United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities [General Assembly resolution 32/197][c]	November (1 day)	New York	194 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
125.	UNDP, Inter-Agency Consultative Meeting [General Assembly resolution 32/197]	November/ December (3 days)	New York	33 ST	-	-	-	
126.	UNU, Council, fifty-first session [General Assembly resolution 3081 (XXVIII)][c]	December (1 week)	Tokyo	28 E	I (EF)	T	-	One session per year
127.	Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [General Assembly resolution 55/75][c]	December (1 meeting)	Geneva	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One meeting per year
128.	Subcommittee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1989/104 and 1999/65]	December	Geneva	22 G	I (CEFRS)	T	-	One or two sessions per year
129.	UNCTAD, Commission on Enterprise, Business Facilitation and Development [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167][c]	December	Geneva	[d]	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
130.	Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1989/104 and 1999/65]	December	Geneva	22 G	I (CEFRS)	T	-	One or two sessions per year
131.	Committee of Permanent Representatives to UN-Habitat [General Assembly resolution 56/206]	December	Nairobi	58 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Four meetings per year
132.	UNEP, Committee of Permanent Representatives [Governing Council decision 13/2]	December	Nairobi	58 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Four sessions per year
133.	UNCTAD, other commodity conferences and commodity meetings [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167][c]	As required (up to 30 meetings)	Geneva	[d]	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	As required

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134.	UNCTAD, seminars and study groups [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167][c]	As required (up to 30 meetings)	Geneva	[d]	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	As required
135.	UNCTAD, consultations of the Secretary-General and of the President of the Trade and Development Board [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167][c]	As required (up to 20 meetings)	Geneva	[d]	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	As required
136.	UNCTAD, executive sessions of the Trade and Development Board [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167][c]	As required (3 days)	Geneva	[d]	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	As required
137.	UNDP and UNFPA, Executive Board, briefings and informal consultations [General Assembly resolutions 2020 (XX) and 48/162]	As required	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	As required
138.	UNICEF, Executive Board, briefings and informal consultations [General Assembly resolutions 57 (I) and 48/162]	As required	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	As required
139.	Economic and Social Council, informal consultations [General Assembly resolution 50/227]	As required	New York	54 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	As required
140.	ECE, committees and working groups [Economic and Social Council resolution 36 (IV)]	As required	Geneva	55 G	To be determined	T	-	As required
141.	Ad Hoc Committee on the Elaboration of a Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (meeting on Rules of Procedure of the Conference of States Parties) [General Assembly resolution 55/25][b]	To be determined (2 weeks)	Vienna	194 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
142.	Commission on Narcotic Drugs, meeting of heads of national drug law enforcement agencies, Asia and the Pacific region [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1985/11 and 1988/15]	To be determined (1 week)	Bangkok	51 G	I (CEFR)	T	-	One session per year
143.	Commission on Narcotic Drugs, meeting of heads of national drug law enforcement agencies, Latin America and the Caribbean region [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1987/34 and 1988/15]	To be determined (1 week)	Santiago	41 G	I (EFS)	T	-	One session per year
144.	Commission on Narcotic Drugs, meeting of heads of national drug law enforcement agencies, African region [Economic and Social Council resolution 1985/11]	To be determined (1 week)	Addis Ababa	53 G	I (AEF)	T	-	One session per year

	Organ	Dates (2004)	Location	Membership	Servicing[a]			Periodicity
145.	Commission on Narcotic Drugs, Subcommission on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East [Economic and Social Council resolution 1776 (LIV)]	To be determined (1 week)	A capital in the region	23 G	I (AER)	T	-	One session per year
146.	Second meeting of the States parties to the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families [General Assembly resolution 57/218][b]	To be determined (1 day)	New York	To be determined	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	To be convened no later than six months after the date of the entry into force of the Convention for the forty-first State Party
147.	Eleventh Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women [General Assembly resolution 34/180][b]	To be determined (1 day)	New York	163 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session every two years
148.	Commission on Sustainable Development, organizational session [Economic and Social Council resolution 1997/63]	To be determined (1 day)	New York	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
149.	Twenty-second Meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)][b]	To be determined (1 day)	New York	145 G	I (AEFRS)	T	SR	One session every two years
150.	Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics [Economic and Social Council decision 2001/24]	To be determined	New York	54 G	-	T	-	
151.	UNCTAD, expert meeting of the Commission on Investment, Technology and Related Financial Issues [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167][c]	To be determined	Geneva	To be determined	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
152.	UNCTAD, expert meeting of the Commission on Enterprise, Business Facilitation and Development [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167][c]	To be determined	Geneva	To be determined	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
153.	UNCTAD, expert meeting of the Commission on Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167][c]	To be determined	Geneva	To be determined	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
154.	Preparatory process meetings for the eleventh session of UNCTAD [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167][c]	To be determined	Geneva	[b]	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	

	Organ	Dates (2004)	Location	Membership	Servicing[a]			Periodicity
155.	Conference of the States Parties to the Convention against Transnational Organized Crimes and its Protocols, first session [General Assembly resolution 55/25][b]	To be determined	Vienna		I (ACEFRS)	T	-	To be convened not later than one year following the entry into force of the Convention
156.	UNCCD, Committee for the Review of the Convention, third session [General Assembly resolution 56/196][b,j]	To be determined	Bonn	185 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session every two years
157.	ECLAC, thirtieth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 106 (VI) and decision 1985/188]	To be determined	Puerto Rico[h]	41 G	I (EFS)	T	-	One session every two years

(Footnotes at foot of section B)

B. Provisional calendar of conferences and meetings for 2005

(as at May 2003)

	Organ	*Date (2005)*	*Location*	*Membership*	*Servicing*[a]			*Periodicity*
1.	Economic and Social Council, election of Bureau [Charter]	7 January	New York	54 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	
2.	UNICEF, Executive Board, first regular session [General Assembly resolutions 57 (I) and 48/162]	17-21 January	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
3.	Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, thirty-second session [General Assembly resolutions 34/180 and 51/68][b]	10-28 January	New York	23 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions per year
4.	Committee on the Rights of the Child, thirty-eighth session [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211][b]	10-28 January	Geneva	10 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	Three sessions per year
5.	UNDP and UNFPA, Executive Board, first regular session [General Assembly resolutions 2029 (XX) and 48/162]	24-28 January	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
6.	United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery, Board of Trustees [General Assembly resolution 46/122][c]	24-28 January	Geneva	5 E	I (EFS)	T	-	One session per year
7.	Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, pre-sessional working group [General Assembly resolutions 45/124, 47/94 and 51/68][b]	31 January-4 February	New York	4 E	I (EFS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
8.	Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, Working Group on the Optional Protocol [General Assembly resolution 55/70][b]	31 January-4 February	New York	5 E	-	T	-	Two sessions per year
9.	Committee on the Rights of the Child, pre-sessional working group [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211][b]	31 January-4 February	Geneva	5 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Three sessions per year
10.	International Narcotics Control Board, eighty-second session [Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, article 11][b]	31 January-4 February	Vienna	13 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Two or three sessions per year
11.	WFP, Executive Board, first regular session [Economic and Social Council decision 1995/227 and General Assembly resolution 50/8][c]	31 January-4 February	Rome	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
12.	UNCTAD, Working Party on the medium-term plan and the programme budget, forty-fourth session, first part [UNCTAD resolution 114 (V) and Trade and Development Board decision 156 (XVII)][c]	January (1 week)	Geneva	[d]	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One or two sessions per year
13.	Joint Meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP [General Assembly resolution 52/12 B]	January (1 day)	New York	36 G/36 G/ 36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	

	Organ	Date (2005)	Location	Membership	Servicing[a]			Periodicity
14.	Consultative Committee on the United Nations Development Fund for Women, forty-fifth session [General Assembly resolutions 31/133 and 39/125]	January	New York	5 G	-	-	-	One session per year
15.	UNCTAD, Commission on Investment, Technology and Related Financial Issues [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167][c]	January	Geneva	[d]	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
16.	Economic and Social Council, organizational session [Charter]	1-4 February	New York	54 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session per year
17.	Commission on Human Rights, Working Group on Situations [Economic and Social Council resolution 1990/41]	7-11 February	Geneva	5 E	I (EFRS)	T	-	One session per year
18.	Commission for Social Development, forty-third session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 10 (II), 1139 (XLI) and 1996/7]	9-18 February	New York	46 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
19.	UNEP, Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum, twenty-third session [General Assembly resolutions 2997 (XXVII) and 42/185]	21-25 February	Nairobi	58 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session every two years
20.	United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations, Board of Trustees [General Assembly resolution 40/131][c]	28 February-4 March	Geneva	5 E	I (EFRS)	T	-	One session per year
21.	Commission on the Status of Women, forty-ninth session [Economic and Social Council decision 1999/257]	28 February-11 March	New York	45 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
22.	Tenth Meeting of the States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child [General Assembly resolution 44/25][b]	February (1 day)	New York	191 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session every two years
23.	UNCTAD, Commission on Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167][c]	February	Geneva	[d]	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
24.	UNCTAD, Commission on Enterprise, Business Facilitation and Development [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167][c]	February	Geneva	[d]	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
25.	UNEP, Committee of Permanent Representatives [Governing Council decision 13/2]	February	Nairobi	58 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Four sessions per year
26.	Statistical Commission, thirty-sixth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 1999/8]	1-4 March	New York	24 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year

	Organ	Date (2005)	Location	Membership	Servicing[a]			Periodicity
27.	Advisory Group of the United Nations Trust Fund for the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People [General Assembly resolution 48/163][c]	7-11 March	Geneva	10 E	I (ES)	T	-	
28.	Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, sixty-sixth session [General Assembly resolution 2106 A (XX)][b]	7-25 March	Geneva	18 E	I (CEFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions per year
29.	Commission on Narcotic Drugs, forty-eighth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 9 (I) and 1991/39]	8-17 March	Vienna	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
30.	Committee of the Whole of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs [Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/39]	8-17 March (4 days)	Vienna	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
31.	Commission on Human Rights, sixty-first session [Economic and Social Council resolution 9 (II)]	14 March-22 April	Geneva	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session per year
32.	Human Rights Committee, Working Group on Communications [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)][b]	March (1 week)	New York	9 E	I (EFRS)	T	-	Three sessions per year
33.	ECE, sixtieth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 36 (IV)]	March	Geneva	55 G	I (EFR)	T	-	One session per year
34.	Human Rights Committee, eighty-third session [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)][b]	March/April[f] (3 weeks)	New York	18 E	I (AEFRS)	T	SR	Three sessions per year
35.	UNITAR, Board of Trustees, forty-third session [General Assembly resolutions 1934 (XVIII) and 47/227]	March/April[f] (1 week)	Geneva	28 E	I (AEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
36.	INSTRAW, Board of Trustees [General Assembly resolutions 33/187 and 34/157][c,g]	March/April[f] (1 week)	Santo Domingo	11 E	I (EFS)	T	-	One session per year
37.	Committee for the United Nations Population Award [General Assembly resolution 36/201][c]	March/April[f] (2 days)	New York	10 G	I (EFS)	T	-	One session per year
38.	Commission on Population and Development, thirty-eighth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 150 (VII), 87 (LVII) and 1995/55]	4-8 April	New York	47 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
39.	Committee for Development Policy, seventh session [Economic and Social Council resolution 1998/46]	4-8 April	New York	24 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
40.	Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, thirty-fourth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1982/33, 1985/17 and 1995/39][b]	25 April-13 May[f]	Geneva	18 E	I (AEFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions per year
41.	Economic and Social Council, resumed organizational session [Charter]	27-28 April	New York	54 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	
42.	ESCAP, sixty-first session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 37 (IV), 69 (V) and 723 B (XXVIII)]	April [f] (7 days)	Bangkok	52 G	I (CEFR)	T	-	One session per year

	Organ	Date (2005)	Location	Membership	Servicing[a]			Periodicity
43.	Economic and Social Council, special high-level meeting with the Bretton Woods institutions and the World Trade Organization [General Assembly resolution 50/227]	April[f] (1 day)	New York	54 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	
44.	Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, organizational session [Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31]	April[f] (1 day)	New York	19 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
45.	Committee of Permanent Representatives to UN-Habitat [General Assembly resolution 56/206]	April[f]	Nairobi	58 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Four meetings per year
46.	ESCWA, Preparatory Committee [Economic and Social Council resolution 1994/26]	April[f]	Beirut	13 G	I (AEF)	T	-	One session every two years
47.	ESCWA, twenty-third session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1818 (LV), 2089 (LXIII) and 1994/26]	April[f]	Beirut	13 G	I (AEF)	T	-	One session every two years
48.	Commission on Sustainable Development, thirteenth session [Economic and Social Council decision 1993/207]	April/May[f] (2-3 weeks)	New York	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
49.	United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, first regular session [Economic and Social Council decision 2001/321]	April/May[f]	To be determined	26 ST	I (EF)	T	-	Two sessions per year
50.	Committee against Torture, pre-sessional working group [General Assembly resolution 56/44][b]	2-5 May	Geneva	4 E	I (EFRS)	T	-	
51.	International Narcotics Control Board, eighty-third session [Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, article 11][b]	2-13 May	Vienna	13 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Two or three sessions per year
52.	Committee against Torture, thirty-fourth session [General Assembly resolution 39/46 A][b]	8-21 May	Geneva	10 E	I (EFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions per year
53.	Commission on Human Rights, Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, Working Group on Minorities [Economic and Social Council resolution 1998/246]	9-13 May	Geneva	5 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
54.	United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture, Board of Trustees, twenty-fourth session [General Assembly resolution 36/151][c]	9-25 May	Geneva	5 E	I (EFS)	T	-	One session per year
55.	Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations [Economic and Social Council resolutions 3 (II) and 1296 (XLIV) and decisions 1995/304 and 1997/297]	9-27 May	New York	19 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
56.	Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, pre-sessional working group [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1982/33, 1985/17 and 1995/39][b]	16-20 May	Geneva	5 E	I (EFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
57.	United Nations Forum on Forests [Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/35 and decision 2001/218]	16-27 May	New York	194 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	

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58.	UNFCCC, meetings of subsidiary bodies of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention [General Assembly decision 56/199][b,j]	16-27 May	Bonn	189 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
59.	Committee on the Rights of the Child, thirty-ninth session [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211][b]	16 May-3 June	Geneva	10 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	Three sessions per year
60.	Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, fourteenth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 1992/1]	18-27 May	Vienna	40 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
61.	Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, parallel meetings for informal consultations and working groups [Economic and Social Council decision 1997/232]	18-27 May (12 meetings)	Vienna	40 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
62.	Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families [General Assembly resolution 45/158][b]	30 May-3 June	Geneva	10 E	I (EFS)	T	-	One session per year
63.	WFP, Executive Board, annual session [Economic and Social Council decision 1995/227 and General Assembly resolution 50/8][c]	30 May-3 June	Rome	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
64.	High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, fourteenth session [General Assembly resolution 33/134][c]	31 May-3 June	New York	194 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session every two years
65.	Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues [Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/22]	May (2 weeks)	New York	16 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
66.	Committee for Programme and Coordination, organizational session [Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX) and General Assembly resolution 31/93]	May (1 day)	New York	34 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
67.	Commission on Science and Technology for Development, eighth session [General Assembly resolution 46/235 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1993/75]	May	Geneva	33 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
68.	UNCTAD, Working Party on the medium-term plan and the programme budget, forty-fourth session, second part [UNCTAD resolution 114 (V) and Trade and Development Board decision 156 (XVII)][c]	May	Geneva	[d]	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One or two sessions per year
69.	Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, twentieth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 1978/1 and General Assembly resolution 56/206]	May	Nairobi	58 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session every two years

	Organ	Date (2005)	Location	Membership	Servicing[a]			Periodicity
70.	Voluntary Fund for Technical Cooperation in the Field of Human Rights, Board of Trustees [Economic and Social Council decision 1993/283]	6-8 June	Geneva	5 E	I (EF)	T	-	Two sessions per year
71.	UNICEF, Executive Board, annual session [General Assembly resolutions 57 (I) and 48/162]	6-10 June	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
72.	Committee on the Rights of the Child, pre-sessional working group [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211][b]	6-10 June	Geneva	5 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Three sessions per year
73.	Commission on Human Rights, Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery [Economic and Social Council decision 16 (LVI)]	6-10 June	Geneva	5 E	I (EFRS)	T	-	One session per year
74.	WFP, Executive Board, second regular session [Economic and Social Council decision 1995/227 and General Assembly resolution 50/8][c]	6-10 June	Rome	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
75.	UNDP and UNFPA, Executive Board, annual session [General Assembly resolutions 2029 (XX) and 48/162]	13-24 June	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
76.	Meeting of persons chairing human rights treaty bodies [General Assembly resolutions 46/111 and 49/178][c]	20-24 June	Geneva	8 E	I (EFS)	T	-	One session per year
77.	Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, Working Group on the Optional Protocol [General Assembly resolution 55/70][b]	27 June-1 July	New York	5 E	-	T	-	Two sessions per year
78.	Committee of Permanent Representatives to UN-Habitat [General Assembly resolution 56/206]	June	Nairobi	58 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Four meetings per year
79.	ECA, Committee of Experts of the Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, twenty-fourth meeting [Economic and Social Council resolution 671 (XXV)]	June	Addis Ababa	53 G	I (AEF)	T	-	One session per year
80.	ECA, Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, thirty-eighth session of the Commission [Economic and Social Council resolution 671 (XXV)]	June	Addis Ababa	53 G	I (AEF)	T	-	One session per year
81.	Committee for Programme and Coordination, forty-fifth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX) and General Assembly resolution 31/93]	June/July (4 weeks)	New York	34 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
82.	Subcommittee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1989/104 and 1999/65]	June/July	Geneva	23 G	I (CEFRS)	T	-	One or two sessions per year

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83.	UNEP, Committee of Permanent Representatives [Governing Council decision 13/2]	June/July (1 day)	Nairobi	58 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Four sessions per year
84.	Human Rights Committee, Working Group on Communications [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)][b]	4-8 July	Geneva	9 E	I (EFRS)	T	-	Three sessions per year
85.	Economic and Social Council, substantive session [Charter]	4-29 July	Geneva	54 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session per year
86.	Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, thirty-third session [General Assembly resolutions 34/180 and 51/68][b]	5-22 July	New York	23 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions per year
87.	Human Rights Committee, eighty-fourth session [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)][b]	11-29 July	Geneva	18 E	I (AEFRS)	T	SR	Three sessions per year
88.	Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, pre-sessional working group [General Assembly resolutions 45/124, 47/94 and 51/68][b]	25-29 July	New York	4 E	I (EFS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
89.	Commission on Human Rights, Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, fifty-seventh session [Economic and Social Council resolution 9 (II)]	25 July-12 August	Geneva	26 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session per year
90.	Commission on Human Rights, Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, Working Group on Indigenous Populations [Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/34]	July (1 week)	Geneva	5 E	I (CEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
91.	UNCTAD, Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167][c]	July	Geneva	To be determined	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
92.	Subcommittee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1989/104 and 1999/65]	July	Geneva	23 G	I (CEFRS)	T	-	One or two sessions per year
93.	Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, sixty-seventh session [General Assembly resolution 2106 A (XX)][b]	1-19 August	Geneva	18 E	I (CEFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions per year
94.	Commission on Human Rights, Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, Working Group on Communications [Economic and Social Council resolution 1503 (XLVIII)]	15-26 August	Geneva	5 E	I (CEFRS)	T	-	One session per year

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95.	UNCCD, Conference of the Parties to the Convention, sixth session, and meetings of subsidiary bodies [General Assembly resolution 56/196][j]	August/ September (2 weeks)	Bonn	185 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session every two years
96.	UNICEF, Executive Board, second regular session [General Assembly resolutions 57 (I) and 48/162]	12-16 September	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
97.	Committee on the Rights of the Child, fortieth session [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211][b]	12-30 September	Geneva	10 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	Three sessions per year
98.	UNDP and UNFPA, Executive Board, second regular session [General Assembly resolutions 2029 (XX) and 48/162]	19-23 September	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
99.	UNCTAD, Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget, forty-fifth session [UNCTAD resolution 114 (V) and Trade and Development Board decision 156 (XVII)][c]	September	Geneva	[d]	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One or two sessions per year
100.	Committee of Permanent Representatives to UN-Habitat [General Assembly resolution 56/206]	September	Nairobi	58 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Four meetings per year
101.	UNEP, Committee of Permanent Representatives [Governing Council decision 13/2]	September/ October (1 day)	Nairobi	58 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Four sessions per year
102.	UNCTAD, Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting [Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/67][c]	September/ October	Geneva	34 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
103.	Committee on the Rights of the Child, pre-sessional working group [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211][b]	3-7 October	Geneva	5 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Three sessions per year
104.	Human Rights Committee, Working Group on Communications [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)][b]	10-14 October	Geneva	9 E	I (EFRS)	T	-	Three sessions per year
105.	Human Rights Committee, eighty-fifth session [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)][b]	17 October-4 November	Geneva	18 E	I (AEFRS)	T	SR	Three sessions per year
106.	General Assembly, high-level dialogue on financing for development [General Assembly resolutions 57/250][c]	October (3 days)	New York	191 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV	One session every two years
107.	United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, second regular session [Economic and Social Council decision 2001/321]	October	New York	26 ST	I (EF)	T	-	Two sessions per year
108.	UNHCR, Executive Committee, fifty-sixth session [General Assembly resolution 1166 (XII)][c]	October	Geneva	64 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session per year

	Organ	Date (2005)	Location	Membership	Servicing[a]			Periodicity
109.	UNCTAD, Trade and Development Board, fifty-second session [General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX) and UNCTAD resolution 114 (V)][c]	October	Geneva	148 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
110.	Committee against Torture, pre-sessional working group [General Assembly resolution 56/44][b]	7-11 November	Geneva	4 E	I (EFRS)	T	-	
111.	WFP, Executive Board, third regular session [Economic and Social Council decision 1995/227 and General Assembly resolution 50/8][e]	7-11 November	Rome	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
112.	UNFCCC, Conference of the Parties to the Convention, ninth session, and meetings of subsidiary bodies [General Assembly resolution 56/199][b,j]	7-18 November	Bonn	189 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
113.	Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, thirty-fifth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1982/33, 1985/17 and 1995/39][b]	7-25 November	Geneva	18 E	I (AEFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions per year
114.	International Narcotics Control Board, eighty-fourth session [Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, article 11][b]	7-25 November	Vienna	13 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Two or three sessions per year
115.	Voluntary Fund for Technical Cooperation in the Field of Human Rights, Board of Trustees [Economic and Social Council decision 1993/283]	14-16 November	Geneva	5 E	I (EF)	T	-	Two sessions per year
116.	Committee against Torture, thirty-fifth session [General Assembly resolution 39/46 A][b]	14-18 November	Geneva	10 E	I (EFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions per year
117.	Tenth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment [General Assembly resolution 39/46 A][b]	25 November	Geneva	139 G	I (EFRS)	T	SR	One session every two years
118.	Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, pre-sessional working group [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1982/33, 1985/17 and 1995/39][b]	28 November-2 December	Geneva	5 E	I (EFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
119.	United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities [General Assembly resolution 32/197][c]	November (1 day)	New York	194 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
120.	UNDP, Inter-Agency Consultative Meeting [General Assembly resolution 32/197]	November/ December (3 days)	New York	33 ST	-	-	-	
121.	UNU, Council, fifty-second session [General Assembly resolution 3081 (XXVIII)][c]	December (1 week)	Tokyo	28 E	I (EF)	T	-	One session per year
122.	Commission on Narcotic Drugs, resumed forty-sixth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 9 (I) and 1991/39]	December (3 days)	Vienna	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session every two years

	Organ	Date (2005)	Location	Membership	Servicing[a]			Periodicity
123.	UNICEF, Executive Board, extraordinary budgetary session [Executive Board decision 2000/7]	December (2 days)	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV	One session every two years
124.	Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [General Assembly resolution 55/75][c]	December (1 meeting)	Geneva	194 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One meeting per year
125.	Subcommittee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1989/104 and 1999/65]	December	Geneva	22 G	I (CEFRS)	T	-	One or two sessions per year
126.	UNCTAD, Commission on Enterprise, Business Facilitation and Development [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167][c]	December	Geneva	[d]	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
127.	Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1989/104 and 1999/65]	December	Geneva	22 G	I (CEFRS)	T	-	One or two sessions per year
128.	Committee of Permanent Representatives to UN-Habitat [General Assembly resolution 56/206]	December	Nairobi	58 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Four meetings per year
129.	UNEP, Committee of Permanent Representatives [Governing Council decision 13/2]	December	Nairobi	58 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Four sessions per year
130.	UNCTAD, other commodity conferences and commodity meetings [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167][c]	As required (up to 30 meetings)	Geneva	[d]	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	As required
131.	UNCTAD, seminars and study groups [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167][c]	As required (up to 30 meetings)	Geneva	[d]	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	As required
132.	UNCTAD, consultations of the Secretary-General and of the President of the Trade and Development Board [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167][c]	As required (up to 20 meetings)	Geneva	[d]	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	As required
133.	UNCTAD, executive sessions of the Trade and Development Board [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167][c]	As required (3 days)	Geneva	[d]	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	As required

	Organ	Date (2005)	Location	Membership	Servicing[a]			Periodicity
134.	UNDP and UNFPA, Executive Board, briefings and informal consultations [General Assembly resolutions 2020 (XX) and 48/162]	As required	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	As required
135.	UNICEF, Executive Board, briefings and informal consultations [General Assembly resolutions 57 (I) and 48/162]	As required	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	As required
136.	Economic and Social Council, informal consultations [General Assembly resolution 50/227]	As required	New York	54 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	As required
137.	ECE, committees and working groups [Economic and Social Council resolution 36 (IV)]	As required	Geneva	55 G	To be determined	T	-	As required
138.	Eleventh United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders [General Assembly resolution 51/171][c,i]	To be determined (8 days)	Bangkok	194 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session every five years
139.	Ad Hoc Group of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1273 (XLIII) and 1765 (LIV)]	To be determined (1 week)	New York	25 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session every two years
140.	Commission on Narcotic Drugs, meeting of heads of national drug law enforcement agencies, Asia and the Pacific region [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1985/11 and 1988/15]	To be determined (1 week)	Bangkok	51 G	I (CEFR)	T	-	One session per year
141.	Commission on Narcotic Drugs, meeting of heads of national drug law enforcement agencies, Latin America and the Caribbean region [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1987/34 and 1988/15]	To be determined (1 week)	Santiago	41 G	I (EFS)	T	-	One session per year
142.	Commission on Narcotic Drugs, meeting of heads of national drug law enforcement agencies, African region [Economic and Social Council resolution 1985/11]	To be determined (1 week)	Addis Ababa	53 G	I (AEF)	T	-	One session per year
143.	Commission on Narcotic Drugs, Subcommission on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East [Economic and Social Council resolution 1776 (LIV)]	To be determined (1 week)	A capital in the region	23 G	I (AER)	T	-	One session per year
144.	ECLAC, Committee of the Whole, twenty-sixth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 106 (VI)]	To be determined (2 days)	Santiago	41 G	I (EFS)	T	-	One session every two years
145.	Commission on Sustainable Development, organizational session [Economic and Social Council resolution 1997/63]	To be determined (1 day)	New York	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
146.	Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics [Economic and Social Council decision 2001/24]	To be determined	New York	54 G	-	T	-	

	Organ	Date (2005)	Location	Membership	Servicing[a]		Periodicity
147.	UNCTAD, expert meeting of the Commission on Investment, Technology and Related Financial Issues [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167][c]	To be determined	Geneva	To be determined	I (ACEFRS)	T	-
148.	UNCTAD, expert meeting of the Commission on Enterprise, Business Facilitation and Development [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167][c]	To be determined	Geneva	To be determined	I (ACEFRS)	T	-
149.	UNCTAD, expert meeting of the Commission on Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167][c]	To be determined	Geneva	To be determined	I (ACEFRS)	T	-

Notes to sections A and B

[a] The languages in which interpretation will be provided are indicated. Languages in which translation and meeting records will be provided vary according to the rules of procedure applicable to the body concerned and, in the case of some working groups and similar bodies, according to the actual requirements when these are less than would be provided under the rules of procedure.

[b] Treaty body.

[c] Subsidiary body of the General Assembly and meetings of other related bodies.

[d] Open to the participation of all interested States members of UNCTAD (UNCTAD resolution 80 (III), para. 9).

[e] Conference services are funded from outside the regular budget of the United Nations.

[f] Pursuant to paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 56/242, and as decided by the Assembly previously, United Nations intergovernmental bodies are requested to avoid holding meetings on Orthodox Good Friday, which falls on 9 April 2004 and 29 April 2005.

[g] In its resolution 57/175, the Assembly endorsed the recommendation made by the Working Group on the future operation of the Institute to examine the feasibility of establishing an advisory board composed of Member States to replace the Board of Trustees.

[h] Venue is subject to approval by the Council and the Assembly.

[i] Date and venue are subject to approval by the Assembly.

[j] Inclusion of meetings in the United Nations calendar and financing of conference services are subject to a decision by the Assembly.

C. Calendar of conferences and meetings of the principal organs of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, 2004

	Organ	*Dates (2004)*	*Location*
1.	IAEA, Board of Governors, Programme and Budget Committee	19 January	Vienna
2.	ICAO, Committee	January	Montreal
3.	WHO, Executive Board	January	Geneva
4.	IFAD, Governing Council	February	Rome
5.	ICAO, Council	February/March	Montreal
6.	IAEA, Board of Governors	8 March	Vienna
7.	ILO, Governing Body and its committees	11-26 March	Geneva
8.	IFAD, Executive Board	April	Rome
9.	UPU, Postal Operations Council	April	Berne
10.	UNESCO, Executive Board	April	Paris
11.	ICAO, Committee	April/May	Montreal
12.	IAEA, Board of Governors, Programme and Budget Committee	3 May	Vienna
13.	UNIDO, Industrial Development Board	25-27 May	Vienna
14.	WHO, World Health Assembly, fifty-seventh session	May	Geneva
15.	WMO, Executive Council	May	Geneva
16.	ICAO, Council	May/June	Montreal
17.	ILO, General Conference	1-17 June	Geneva
18.	IAEA, Board of Governors	14 June	Vienna
19.	ILO, Governing Body and its committees	18 June	Geneva
20.	FAO, Council	June	Rome
21.	ITU, Council	June	Geneva
22.	IMO, Council	June	London
23.	UNIDO, Programme and Budget Committee, twentieth session	6-10 September	Vienna
24.	IAEA, Board of Governors	13 September	Vienna
25.	IAEA, General Conference	20-24 September	Vienna
26.	IAEA, Board of Governors	27 September	Vienna
27.	IFAD, Executive Board	September	Rome
28.	Annual meetings of the Boards of Governors of the World Bank Group and the International Monetary Fund	September	Washington, D.C.
29.	WIPO, Assemblies of Member States	September-October	Geneva

	Organ	Dates (2004)	Location
30.	ICAO, Committee	October	Montreal
31.	UPU, Council of Administration	October	Berne
32.	UNESCO, Executive Board	October	Paris
33.	ILO, Governing Body and its committees	4-19 November	Geneva
34.	IAEA, Board of Governors, Technical Assistance and Cooperation Committee	22 November	Vienna
35.	FAO, Council	22-27 November	Rome
36.	IAEA, Board of Governors	25 November	Vienna
37.	IMO, Council	November	London
38.	IMO, Assembly	November	London
39.	IMO, Council	November	London
40.	UNIDO, Industrial Development Board	November	Vienna
41.	ICAO, Council	November/December	Montreal
42.	FAO, Conference	November/December	Rome
43.	FAO, Council	December	Rome
44.	IFAD, Executive Board	December	Rome

D. Calendar of conferences and meetings of the principal organs of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, 2005

	Organ	*Dates (2005)*	*Location*
1.	ICAO, Committee	January	Montreal
2.	IAEA, Board of Governors, Programme and Budget Committee	January	Vienna
3.	WHO, Executive Board	January	Geneva
4	IFAD, Governing Council	February	Rome
5.	ICAO, Council	February/March	Montreal
6.	IAEA, Board of Governors	March	Vienna
7.	ILO, Governing Body and its committees	March	Geneva
8.	IFAD, Executive Board	April	Rome
9.	UPU, Postal Operations Council	April	Berne
10.	UNESCO, Executive Board	April	Paris
11.	ICAO, Committee	April/May	Montreal
12.	UNIDO, Programme and Budget Committee, twenty-first session	2-6 May	Vienna
13.	IAEA, Board of Governors, Programme and Budget Committee	May	Vienna
14.	WHO, World Health Assembly, fifty-eighth session	May	Geneva
15.	WMO, Executive Council	May	Geneva
16.	ICAO, Council	May/June	Montreal
17.	ILO, General Conference	7-23 June	Geneva
18.	FAO, Council	20-25 June	Rome
19.	UNIDO, Industrial Development Board	21-23 June	Vienna
20.	ITU, Council	June	Geneva
21.	ILO, Governing Body and its committees	June	Geneva
22.	IAEA, Board of Governors	June	Vienna
23.	IMO, Council	June	London
24.	IAEA, Board of Governors	September	Vienna
25.	IAEA, General Conference	September	Vienna
26.	IAEA, Board of Governors	September	Vienna
27.	IFAD, Executive Board	September	Rome
28.	Annual meetings of the Boards of Governors of the World Bank Group and the International Monetary Fund	September	Washington D.C.
29.	WIPO, Assemblies of Member States	September/October	Geneva

	Organ	Dates (2005)	Location
30.	UNESCO, General Conference	September/October	Paris
31.	ICAO, Committee	October	Montreal
32.	UPU, Council of Administration	October	Berne
33.	UNESCO, Executive Board	October	Paris
34.	ITU, World Summit on the Information Society, second phase	16-18 November	Tunis
35.	FAO, Council	16-18 November	Rome
36.	FAO, Conference	19-30 November	Rome
37.	UNIDO, General Conference, eleventh session	28 November-2 December	Vienna
38.	ILO, Governing Body and its committees	November	Geneva
39.	IAEA, Board of Governors, Technical Assistance and Cooperation Committee	November	Vienna
40.	IAEA, Board of Governors	November	Vienna
41.	IMO, Council	November	London
42.	IMO, Assembly	November	London
43.	IMO, Council	November	London
44.	ICAO, Council	November/December	Montreal
45.	FAO, Council	1 December	Rome
46.	IFAD, Executive Board	December	Rome

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Provisional calendar of conferences and meetings for 2004 and 2005 in the economic, social and related fields

Note by the Secretariat

Corrigendum

Annex, section A

No. 35. The location *should read* Jeju Island, Republic of Korea.

No. 90. The location *should read* New York.

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Extract from the report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund on its 2003 annual session (2-6 and 9 June 2003)

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2003/6. Draft country programme documents

The Executive Board

Approves the aggregate indicative budgets for the following country programmes of cooperation:

Region/country	Period	Regular resources	Other resources	Document E/ICEF/2003/
Eastern and Southern Africa				
Angola	2004	5 537 000	18 400 000	P/L.1
Kenya	2004-2008	24 659 000	32 500 000	P/L.2
Madagascar	2004	4 099 000	4 850 000	P/L.3
Somalia	2004-2008	22 770 000	80 000 000	P/L.4
West and Central Africa				
Benin	2004-2008	9 426 000	16 000 000	P/L.5
Congo	2004-2008	4 879 000	7 500 000	P/L.6
Niger	2004-2007	25 024 000	26 494 000	P/L.7
Sierra Leone	2004-2007	11 794 000	16 000 000	P/L.8
Ecuador	2004-2008	3 912 000	10 000 000	P/L.9
East Asia and the Pacific				
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	2004-2006	3 310 000	9 000 000	P/L.10
Philippines	2004	2 198 000	5 000 000	P/L.11
South Asia				
Pakistan	2004-2008	61 616 000	65 000 000	P/L.12
Middle East and North Africa				
Palestinian children and women in Jordan, Lebanon, the Syrian Arab Republic and the Occupied Palestinian Territory	2004-2005	3 200 000	9 230 000	P/L.13

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2003/7. Increase of other resources ceiling for intercountry programmes for 2002-2003

The Executive Board

Approves an increase of $100 million in the other resources ceiling for intercountry programmes, from $203 million to $303 million, for the 2002-2003 biennium, as contained in document E/ICEF/2003/P/L.14.

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2003/8. Establishment of an operational reserve

The Executive Board

Recommends that UNICEF continue to manage its liquidity in accordance with the liquidity requirement approved by the Executive Board and that it not establish a funded operational reserve, as described in document E/ICEF/2003/AB/L.4.

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2003/9. The UNICEF recovery policy

The Executive Board,

Having reviewed the UNICEF recovery policy, as contained in document E/ICEF/2003/AB/L.1, and the document E/ICEF/2003/AB/L.5 submitted at the present session,

1. *Stresses* that regular resources, *inter alia*, because of their untied nature, are the bedrock of the operational activities of UNICEF and, in this regard, *notes* with serious concern the stagnation of regular resources available to UNICEF;

2. *Requests* that all donors strive to increase contributions to regular resources and *requests* the Executive Director to hold consultations to encourage donors to increase the proportion of contributions to regular resources;

3. *Endorses* the objectives that other resources support the medium-term strategic plan (MTSP) priorities and that regular resources should not subsidize the support costs for other resources programmes, and *encourages* UNICEF to apply procedures that reduce transaction costs for other resources programmes;

4. *Endorses* the aim of eliminating, in the medium term, the subsidy of support costs for other resources programmes by regular resources;

5. *Calls* on those donors contributing to other resources to consider directing these contributions to thematic areas;[1]

[1] The thematic areas are the five MTSP priority areas (immunization plus, girls' education, child protection, HIV/AIDS, early childhood development) and humanitarian assistance.

6. *Calls* further on all donors to simplify their administrative and reporting requirements to significantly reduce the administrative costs of their contributions to other resources;

7. *Decides* to apply, as an interim measure, the methodology as described in paragraph 13 of document E/ICEF/2003/AB/L.1 and in its annex II. The methodology will be reviewed by the Executive Board in light of the harmonization discussion among the United Nations agencies;

8. *Authorizes* the Executive Director to apply the following rates[2] to all new agreements to be signed after Executive Board approval of the revised policy on an interim basis:

(a) 5 per cent for all resources raised from the private sector in the programme countries;

(b) For other private sector resources, 5 per cent for thematic contributions and 7 per cent for non-thematic contributions;

(c) For other contributions to thematic areas, 8 per cent, and an additional reduction of 1 per cent for 90 per cent up-front payments;

(d) For non-thematic contributions, 12 per cent and additional reductions of 1 per cent for 90 per cent up-front payment, 1 per cent for contributions over $500,000, 2 per cent for contributions over $2 million, 3 per cent for contributions over $10 million, and, as a transitional arrangement through 2004, 4 per cent for contributions over $40 million;

9. *Recognizes* that the rates approved above constitute a step towards the reduction of the subsidy of the support costs of other resources programmes by regular resources;

10. *Requests* the Executive Director to bring the issue of the recovery policy to the attention of the working group on harmonization and simplification of the United Nations Development Group (UNDG) with a view to harmonizing the methodology used by the UNDG members in devising their recovery policies;

11. *Requests* the Executive Director to report to the Executive Board on the experiences of the recovery policy, especially on actual cost recovery achieved and recovery rates applied to projects during this period, on its effects on the regular resources, as well as on the harmonization efforts undertaken, and to submit proposals for further steps towards the elimination of any remaining subsidy of support costs of other resources programmes by regular resources at the second regular session of the Executive Board in 2005 for a review of this interim policy.

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2003/10. UNICEF experience of joint programming

The Executive Board

1. *Recognizes* the commitment of UNICEF to making an effective contribution to a number of reform initiatives, including the reform programme of the Secretary-General, as endorsed by the General Assembly, and the provisions of the triennial comprehensive policy review as set out in General Assembly resolution 56/201 of 21 December 2001;

[2] All incentive reductions are applicable to annual contributions.

2. *Notes* the progress UNICEF is making, as set out in the Executive Director's annual report to the Economic and Social Council (E/ICEF/2003/4 (Part I)), on working with the Common Country Assessment and the United Nations Development Assistance Framework and also towards the simplification and harmonization of rules and procedures,[1] with a view to enhancing programme delivery;

3. *Reaffirms,* in this context, the aim of reducing the complexities and diversity of requirements which continue to place an enormous burden on programme countries through high transaction costs, and that innovations in this area should achieve, in their implementation, the objective of reducing the administrative and financial costs to programme countries;

4. *Requests,* therefore, the Executive Director to submit to the Executive Board for consideration at its annual session in 2004 a written report containing an assessment, based on specific country examples, of the UNICEF experience of joint programming and other innovative and collaborative approaches aimed at improving programming effectiveness and reducing transaction costs for programme countries, and their associated costs and benefits.

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[1] As defined in resolution 56/201, section VI.

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Promoting an integrated approach to rural development in developing countries for poverty eradication and sustainable development

Draft ministerial declaration of the high-level segment submitted by the President of the Council on the basis of informal consultations

1. We, the Ministers and Heads of Delegations participating in the high-level segment of the substantive session of 2003 of the Economic and Social Council, held from 30 June to 2 July 2003:

(a) Having considered the theme "Promoting an integrated approach to rural development in developing countries for poverty eradication and sustainable development", the report of the Secretary-General on the subject[1] and the contribution of all the participants, including civil society, in the preparatory process of the high-level segment, held on 24 March and 30 April 2003;

(b) Recalling the Millennium Declaration and the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences, summits and relevant special sessions of the United Nations General Assembly, including the Fourth World Conference on Women, held in Beijing in 1995, as well as the World Food Summit, held in Rome in 1996, and their five-year reviews, the International Conference on Financing for Development, held in Monterrey, Mexico, in 2002, and the World Summit on Sustainable Development, held in Johannesburg, South Africa, in 2002;

(c) Taking note of the fact that rural areas of developing countries are home to three quarters of the world's poor and that insufficient progress has been made in recent years in addressing the issues of poverty, hunger and malnutrition;

(d) Recalling the commitment to achieve the internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the Millennium Declaration;

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(e) Recalling also General Assembly resolution 57/270 B of 20 December 2002, entitled "Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields";

Have adopted the following declaration.

2. We are convinced that eradication of rural poverty and hunger is crucial for the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the Millennium Declaration. Rural development should be an integral part of national and international development policies, including bilateral donor response strategies and the activities and programmes of the United Nations system.

3. We express our serious concern regarding the famine facing millions of people, especially in Africa. Recognizing that food security is a global concern, we are committed to respond to the internationally recognized emergency food aid needs and to improve famine prevention mechanisms and long-term food security.

4. Rural development should be pursued through an integrated approach, encompassing the economic, social and environmental dimensions, taking into account the gender perspective and consisting of mutually reinforcing policies and programmes. This approach should be balanced, targeted, situation specific, locally owned, include local synergies and initiatives and be responsive to the needs of rural populations.

5. Rural development is the responsibility of each country and is predicated on an enabling national environment. An enabling international economic environment is important to support effective national development efforts, including rural development efforts. An enabling environment combines effective and coherent policies, good governance and accountable institutions at national and international levels as well as the promotion of gender equality and the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms, including the right to development. Robust, broad-based and equitable economic growth as well as human resource development are needed to fight rural poverty.

6. In this regard, despite serious efforts to achieve progress, important issues in the implementation of the Ministerial Declaration of the World Trade Organization, adopted at Doha on 20 November 2001,[2] are still outstanding, in particular regarding the commitments under the said declaration for, inter alia, comprehensive negotiations aimed at substantial improvements in market access. In the agricultural sector, without prejudging the outcome of negotiations, reductions of, with a view to phasing out, all forms of export subsidies, substantial reduction in trade-distorting domestic support and enhanced market access is needed. We recall that special and differential treatment for developing countries shall be an integral part of all elements of the negotiations and shall be embodied in the schedules of concessions and commitments and, as appropriate, in the rules and disciplines to be negotiated, so as to be operationally effective and to enable developing countries to effectively take account of their development needs, including food security and rural development. We take note of the non-trade concerns reflected in the negotiating proposals submitted by members and confirm that non-trade concerns will be taken into account in the negotiations, as provided for in the Agreement of Agriculture.

7. As for non-agricultural products, we call for reduction or, as appropriate, removal of non-tariff barriers, tariff peaks, high tariffs and tariff escalation to enhance market access, in particular for products of export interest to developing countries.

8. These matters must be urgently addressed by members of the World Trade Organization in order to ensure full implementation of the Doha Ministerial Declaration, including issues with regard to implementation and special and differential treatment, and to contribute to the success of the Ministerial Conference of the World Trade Organization to be held in Cancun, Mexico, in September 2003.

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10. We recognize the vulnerability of the commodity-dependent developing countries, in particular the low-income countries, to market fluctuations and stress the need to support their efforts for the diversification of exports as a means of increasing export earnings and improving terms of trade and to address the impact of the instability of commodity prices. In this context, it is very important to empower commodity producers in developing countries to insure themselves against risk. We underscore the need for reforming the existing facilities to respond to the needs of the rural poor.

11. We urge developed countries that have not done so to make concrete efforts towards achieving the target of 0.7 per cent of their gross national product as official development assistance to developing countries and 0.15 to 0.20 per cent of their gross national product as official development assistance to least developed countries, as reconfirmed at the Third United Nations Conference on Least Developed Countries, and we encourage developing countries to build on progress achieved in ensuring that official development assistance is used effectively to help achieve development goals and targets. We acknowledge the efforts of all donors, commend those donors whose official development assistance contributions exceed, reach or are increasing towards the targets and underline the importance of undertaking an examination of the means and time frames for achieving those targets and goals.

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25. We also call for enhanced access to social services for poor people in rural and remote areas. We are committed to improving access to quality education for the rural poor, especially the girl child, through increased investment and full utilization of modern techniques and technologies, including the establishment of remote education systems.

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27. We emphasize that full implementation of the Declaration on the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights and public health, adopted by the World Trade Organization at Doha on 20 November 2001,[3] including its paragraph 6, is important for tackling public health problems, especially those resulting from HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria and other epidemics.

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29. Bearing in mind that the majority of indigenous people live in rural areas, we recognize the need to implement policies and programmes to eradicate poverty and achieve sustainable development that are focused on them, taking into account their traditional knowledge and their special relationship with the land.

30. We reaffirm the goal of expanding access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation, particularly in the rural areas of developing countries and countries with economies in transition, and express our resolve to the expeditious realization of that goal, in accordance with the commitments contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development.[4]

31. We also reaffirm the need to improve access to reliable, affordable, economically viable, socially acceptable and environmentally sound energy services and resources, taking into account national specificities and circumstances, through various means, such as enhanced rural electrification and decentralized energy systems, increased use of renewables, cleaner liquid and gaseous fuels and enhanced energy efficiency, as well as by intensifying regional and international cooperation in support of national efforts, including through capacity-building, financial and technological assistance and innovative financing mechanisms, including at the micro- and meso-levels, recognizing the specific factors for providing access to the poor.

32. We undertake to promote rural-urban linkages by developing and strengthening a system of intermediate-size secondary and tertiary towns to stimulate rural development, as well as to minimize the negative impacts of rural-urban migration. At the same time, we will encourage programmes and policies designed to strengthen rural service centre and small town systems, including strengthening institutions and mechanisms for local or regional planning.

33. We are committed to responding effectively to Africa's special needs for achieving sustainable development and to lending our full support to the development and implementation of national policies and programmes for rural development in Africa. To this end, we reiterate our support for the priorities of the New Partnership for Africa's Development and the call to channel financial, technical and other types of resources towards the priorities of the New Partnership, in particular infrastructural development, health services, education, water and agriculture. We underline the importance of implementing the initiatives contained in the New Partnership, in particular those designed to enhance market access and

the diversification of production in African economies, which are vulnerable because of their dependence on primary production and natural resources-based sectors.

34. We recognize the special needs of the least developed countries and reaffirm our commitment to the implementation of outcomes of the Third United Nations Conference on Least Developed Countries, in particular the elements related to rural development, enhanced market access and provision for enhanced technical assistance and support for capacity-building.

35. Recognizing also the special challenges in rural development faced by small island developing States, we reaffirm our commitment to the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States and emphasize in this regard the importance of the international meeting to be held in Mauritius in 2004. Noting also that the geographical situation of the landlocked developing countries is an added constraint on their efforts to promote rural development, we call for the implementation of specific actions related to the particular needs of those countries.

36. We underline the importance of partnerships at the national and international levels to foster collaboration among actors in different sectors. At the national and local levels, we will encourage local authorities, civil society, the private sector and local communities to launch partnerships that support and promote rural development. At the international level, we will facilitate and nurture alliances of Governments, donors, non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations and the private sector for the promotion of integrated rural development.

37. We welcome the work of the organizations of the United Nations system in eradicating rural poverty and promoting rural development and urge them to ensure that measures are implemented to simplify, harmonize and integrate assessment procedures and programming so as to reduce transaction costs and avoid additional procedural requirements for programme countries and enhance support for their efforts to achieve the internationally agreed development goals, especially those contained in the Millennium Declaration. We emphasize that national and international poverty reduction strategies should target rural areas and households more systematically by integrating poverty eradication and food security as well as environmental objectives more firmly in poverty reduction strategy papers, where they exist, as well as in common country assessments and the United Nations Development Assistance Framework. We urge the international and regional financial institutions to enhance their support for rural poverty eradication and rural development in developing countries and countries with economies in transition.

38. We commit ourselves to the implementation of the present declaration and call upon civil society, the organizations of the United Nations system and other relevant actors and organizations to lend their full support to the realization of the objectives of integrated rural development for poverty eradication and sustainable development. We agree to review progress or lack thereof in the implementation of the present declaration at the substantive session of the Economic and Social Council in 2005.

Notes

[1] E/2003/51.

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Promoting an integrated approach to rural development in developing countries for poverty eradication and sustainable development

Draft ministerial declaration of the high-level segment submitted by the President of the Council on the basis of informal consultations

1. We, the Ministers and Heads of Delegations participating in the high-level segment of the substantive session of 2003 of the Economic and Social Council, held from 30 June to 2 July 2003:

(a) Having considered the theme "Promoting an integrated approach to rural development in developing countries for poverty eradication and sustainable development", the report of the Secretary-General on the subject[1] and the contribution of all the participants, including civil society, in the preparatory process of the high-level segment, held on 24 March and 30 April 2003;

(b) Recalling the Millennium Declaration and the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences, summits and relevant special sessions of the United Nations General Assembly, including the Fourth World Conference on Women, held in Beijing in 1995, as well as the World Food Summit, held in Rome in 1996, and their five-year reviews, the International Conference on Financing for Development, held in Monterrey, Mexico, in 2002, and the World Summit on Sustainable Development, held in Johannesburg, South Africa, in 2002;

(c) Taking note of the fact that rural areas of developing countries are home to three quarters of the world's poor and that insufficient progress has been made in recent years in addressing the issues of poverty, hunger and malnutrition;

(d) Recalling the commitment to achieve the internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the Millennium Declaration;

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(e) Recalling also General Assembly resolution 57/270 B of 20 December 2002, entitled "Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields";

Have adopted the following declaration.

2. We are convinced that eradication of rural poverty and hunger is crucial for the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the Millennium Declaration. Rural development should be an integral part of national and international development policies, including bilateral donor response strategies and the activities and programmes of the United Nations system.

3. We express our serious concern regarding the famine facing millions of people, especially in Africa. Recognizing that food security is a global concern, we are committed to respond to the internationally recognized emergency food aid needs and to improve famine prevention mechanisms and long-term food security.

4. Rural development should be pursued through an integrated approach, encompassing the economic, social and environmental dimensions, taking into account the gender perspective and consisting of mutually reinforcing policies and programmes. This approach should be balanced, targeted, situation specific, locally owned, include local synergies and initiatives and be responsive to the needs of rural populations.

5. Rural development is the responsibility of each country and is predicated on an enabling national environment. An enabling international economic environment is important to support effective national development efforts, including rural development efforts. An enabling environment combines effective and coherent policies, good governance and accountable institutions at national and international levels as well as the promotion of gender equality and the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms, including the right to development. Robust, broad-based and equitable economic growth as well as human resource development are needed to fight rural poverty.

6. In this regard, despite serious efforts to achieve progress, important issues in the implementation of the Doha Ministerial Declaration of the World Trade Organization, adopted at Doha on 20 November 2001,[2] are still outstanding, in particular regarding the commitments under the said declaration for, inter alia, comprehensive negotiations aimed at substantial improvements in market access. In the agricultural sector, without prejudging the outcome of negotiations, reductions of, with a view to phasing out, all forms of export subsidies, substantial reduction in trade-distorting domestic support and enhanced market access is needed. We recall that special and differential treatment for developing countries shall be an integral part of all elements of the negotiations and shall be embodied in the schedules of concessions and commitments and as appropriate in the rules and disciplines to be negotiated, so as to be operationally effective and to enable developing countries to effectively take account of their development needs, including food security and rural development. We take note of the non-trade concerns reflected in the negotiating proposals submitted by members and confirm that non-trade concerns will be taken into account in the negotiations, as provided for in the Agreement of Agriculture.

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